

Life Lessons

“Never Underestimate the Power Of What You Read!”

According to one authority, for every word in Hitler's *Mein Kampf*, 125 lives were lost in World War II.

Do you remember the request that Paul made of Timothy while he was in prison, “...bring with thee the books and especially the parchments!” (2 Tim. 4:13)? Listen to what Spurgeon had to say of this request!

He is inspired, yet he wants books! He's been preaching for 30 years, yet he wants books. He has seen the LORD and yet he wants books! He has had a wider experience than most men, yet he wants books! He had been caught up into the third heaven, and had heard things which it is unlawful for a man to utter, yet he wants books. He had written the major part of the New Testament, yet he wants books!

Dr. Torrey Johnson once told Warren Weirsbe, “*Learn all you can, put it under the blood, and use it for Jesus' sake.*” It is obvious that Dr. Johnson understood that “*the mind grows by what it takes in, and the heart grows by what it gives out.*”

Consider this fact the next time you are tempted not to spend time in the scripture everyday. In order for the scripture to be printed in English so that you might read it William Tyndale (1494-1536) gave his life. Tyndale was hounded by the established church, secret agents were constantly after him, and the police even raided his print shop. He was betrayed by his friends, imprisoned, strangled, and burned at the stake because he dared to put God's Word in the language of the people.

Blood runs
through the pages of history
just so that you could read your Bible.

Readers have always been leaders. If you do not spend time feeding yourself from the Word of God, how can you ever expect to have something of eternal value to share with those in need around you?