



WOW: Word Of the Week

Learning

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I had been in fulltime ministry only a short time when I first heard the remark. Often the words were spoken in response to an invitation to study, hear the gospel, or obey Christ. "I am the way that I am, and I am too old to change."

A quote I have often cited is from Abraham Lincoln, "I will study and get ready and perhaps my chance will come."

Now I am old. I am more convinced than ever that we are designed to learn, grow, and transform until this life is over. Never stop learning! One of the goals in my life is to continue to absorb the wisdom and knowledge that the Lord puts in my path. I desire wisdom and knowledge, I seek it. In the academic world, we often used the description: "lifelong learner."

Henry Ford said, "Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young." How do we help Christians have an attitude of constant learning?

Down at the church house, we have a choice. We can do things the way we have always done them, or we can read, listen, and seek wisdom to grow in Christ. Paul suggests growth is needed so all can "attain unity of the faith" and "a measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." (Ephesians 4:13).

Regardless of how you do it, I challenge you to move forward into continued learning and growth. I challenge you to make a special effort in spiritual learning and spiritual growth. Push yourself, encourage others. Never stop learning!