

"Ever Learning"

Text: II Timothy 3: 1-7

Intro:

- *By Paul's description of the last days.
- *We can say without any reservations that we are living in the last days before the Lord's return.
- *We are living in perilous times.

*Just read the newspapers, listen to the radio, TV.

*Many of us are familiar with verses 2,3,4, and 5 of our passage.

*This morning we are going to focus in on maybe a not so familiar verse, verse 7 which hopefully will become familiar after this morning.

*Verse 7, also describes a characteristic of the last days, that perilous times have come upon us.

*A characteristic that is often overlooked.

*The characteristic of "ever learning"

*Which is the title of this morning's message, "Ever Learning"

- *See Daniel 12:4 - ^{Book-Sealed} context end time just before tribulation.
 - "the time of the end"
 - "knowledge shall be increased"
 - Cross-ref: Rev. 5:1 - *Book shows up at beginning of trib*

*There almost seems to be a contradiction in our verse.
 *But we know that there are no contradictions or errors in the Word of God.

*How can someone be ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of truth?

*Doesn't one usually gain knowledge through learning?

*The answer is very simple, one can never come to the knowledge of truth if you are ever learning the wrong stuff.

*As Daniel told us in Daniel 12:4, in the end times just before the tribulation and the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ,

"many shall run to and fro"

*If you step back for a minute, you will see that most people's lives are this way today.

- *People have many commitments - no time for family, for God
- *Everything is career.
- *Rat race, on a tread mill, like a hamster (illustrate).
- *People all the time running to and fro.
- *Fast Foods - family for the most part doesn't eat together anymore - Leave It to Beaver - corny to most people today.
(Family eating together + talking together
- *Connected with this running to and fro is:

"knowledge shall be increased"

*Evidenced today:

- Computers - keep designing faster computers and computers that can store more information.
- illustration - your new computer' at work, suppose to be faster, I was just getting use to it.
(than old one
- Landed man on the moon in this century
- Able to destroy human life at a long distance.
Example of this was gulf war.
- It was a Battle of Technology, sophiscated weaponry.
- Transplants
- People living longer - advancements in medicine.
- We are doing things faster but notice not better.
- Within this century have gone from horse and buggy to space shuttles, satellites, space stations.

*Ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of truth.

*Sciences teaches man is evolving, getting better and better.

-Someday we are going to solve all our problems.

*I hate to tell the scientist but nothing has changed in the last 6,000 years since man has been on this earth.

*Man has blown it royally

*Man is still depraved because of the sin nature inherited from his parents - Adam and Eve.

*So, the problem today is that man is ever learning the wrong stuff.

*Filling his mind with nonsense, with garbage.

*Did you know that we have such a thing as an evolutinary psychologist.

*Do you know what they have to tell us?

*That cheating on one spouse is genetic.

*We know different it is because our inherited sin nature. - Amen!!!

*Then what should man be ever learning?

*Well, we know it is counter to man's ways.

*God's ways are not man's ways - SEE ISAIAH 55:8.

*Ever learning what God wants you to learn, a person will be able to come to the knowledge of truth which leads to eternal life.

*While ever learning what man wants you to learn, a person will never be able to come to the knowledge of truth and leads to eternal death (Spiritual death)

-separation eternally from God in the lake of fire.

*We need to answer some questions before we go any further.

1) How do we obtain knowledge God's way?

-Proverbs 1:7

-Proverbs 9:10 - Good old fashion Fear of God.

2) What is truth?

_Jesus said "...the truth shall make you free..."

-See John 8:31-32.

-Jesus when he prayed to the Father in John 17, tells us exactly what ~~the~~ truth is - SEE John 17:17

_"thy word is truth"

3) The results of a man studying, ever learning, and meditating upon the Word of God - See Psalm 119:99-100.104.

-As a result, the Bible tells us that you have more understanding that all the doctors, lawyers, teachers, Bible College Professors - You know especially the ones that teach Greek and Hebrew.

_The Bible College in America are not teaching the truth, the Word of God, because they correct and change the Word of God, the AV1611, KJV

-They tell us only the original autographs were inspired.

-That God lied over in Psalm 12, where he promised that He would preserve His inspired Word.

_You see the reason these college professors do this is so that the student will trust their professor and not the Bible as their final authority.

*If you are poor and not well educated by the world's standards but meditate, on the Word of God, keep the precepts, ever learning the word of God, Fear God, then you have more

understanding, more than knowledge than the DREAM TEAM of O.J. Simpson⁵ and the prosecuting attorneys put together. - Amen!!!
(Defense attorneys)

*You see the folks today who are ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

*Have become mind worshippers - have put an idol between them and God - "Learning" and "Education" -nothing wrong with an education except when make it a god.

*These folks eternal destiny is found in Rev. 20:11-15

*Illustration: A guy at the Great White Throne Judgement says to God - "But I won the Noble Peace Prize for Chemistry, Physics, Medicine, I found the cure for cancer"

*God's reply as he open the Bible to this person and says "You were ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of truth"

*Truth - Eph. 2:8-9 * Romans 10:9-10, 13

*God will tell this person "You never called upon my Son to save you but another god, Education, Learning, Evolution.

*While the man who was able to come to the knowledge of truth, through the Word of God,

*The truth has made that person free, free from God's wrath on his sin - Because he ~~he~~ knew through the Word to call upon ~~XXXX~~ the Lord Jesus Christ to save him. and not some other god. *being poured out*

*See
John 3:36*

This man's ~~eternal~~ ^{eternal} destiny - See Rev. 19:6-9
-marriage supper of the Lamb.
-fine linen, Heaven.

*Conclusion: What are you ever learning.

-Where will it lead you? Heaven or Hell?

-If you keep ^{on} your current path, will you ever be able to come to the knowledge of truth?

-Remember, Jesus said the truth shall make you free.

-Won't you today, let the incarnate "Word", the Lord Jesus Christ make you free.

-Call upon his name before it to late and ~~XXXX~~ saved.

-II Cor. 6:2

-Pray.

-Christian have you turned from ever learning ~~XXXX~~ the scriptures? Maybe that is why your life is a mess.