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Scott's Thoughts



“You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me,”
(John 5:39, ESV)

To me, learning has always been one of life's greatest thrills. I'll be 71 next month and I'm at a point when many people my age give up on learning. I have heard many Senior Citizens talk about how they don't want anything to do with computers or smart-phones and they have given up on learning anything new. However, it is very sad when children in schools across this country give up on learning and at that age it's way too young. Encouraging children's successes inspires them to want to learn more.

Have you ever thought your child was a slow learner? I'm sure that many of the children who are labeled as such should not be. Here is a challenge for you to try. Find a child who has poor grades in school and put the child in a room with a senior citizen then give them each a smart-phone. Often the child will dazzle you with what they can do while “Pops” is still trying to figure out how to turn it on.

The best teachers find ways to present learning experiences that are exciting and relevant to their students and this year I pray that each child is connected with an excellent teacher. I have watched my youngest daughter as she teaches her two children. She's constantly looking for ways and items to use that will relate to her children in ways that not

only present knowledge but also lets them see how they can use that knowledge. While the kids were with us this summer, Ava took over and did not seek too merely to entertain them, she showed the usefulness of knowledge. There were many experiments in the house while they were with us

I love coming to understand how things work. I have not mastered many things, and in several areas I have just enough knowledge to be dangerous. The list of things that I have studied in the past but have not kept up with is long. Over the last 40 years I have been able to scratch the surface of the knowledge that is contained in the Bible but there are still times when I seem to be lost. The record of history shows us that there are individuals who have greater knowledge than others. However, there has never been a man, other than Jesus, who could reveal the truth of the scriptures to their fullest.

Studying the Bible is like peeling an onion, there are many different levels and each new level reveals a yet unstudied truth. I enjoy teaching others what I have come to know and I love observing their “ah-ha” moments when a difficult passage becomes clear for them. However, my greatest joy is experiencing one of those “ah-ha” moments myself.

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15, ESV)

Thanks for listening and keep on shining.
—Scott