



A Bible Study On Learning from Birth to Death

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Introduction

First of all, what is a basic meaning of the word learn? The dictionary would say: To learn is to gain knowledge, comprehension, or an ability by experience, practice, or study. So if we take this definition, let's take a journey through Scripture to review the learning process from birth to death.

Learning Through Parents

Deuteronomy 4:9-10 and **Deuteronomy 6:1-9**

What insights do you have from these passages? How do infants and younger children learn from their parents and grandparents?

Learning Through Experience

Much of what we learn in our early years is by experience. We don't learn how to walk by listening to parents read a book on how to walk. We learn the hard way by experience.

Philippians 4:8-9 Read and discuss the importance of the words, "Put it into practice."

Learning through experience happens throughout our entire life span. Think of what you have learned through experience during the past years.

Philippians 4:10-13 Note how the Apostle Paul learned by experience.

Learning Through Formal Education Through Teachers

Ephesians 4:11-13 Recall the people God used for teaching you. Do you have a favorite one and why do you consider it a favorite? What was the best part of the school day?

Learning Spiritual Truths

II Timothy 1:4-5 Recall people who have been your spiritual teachers throughout your years.

John 6:44-51 How have you been taught by God?

Matthew 11:29 In what ways have you learned from Jesus?

I Corinthians 4:6 Warning not to go beyond what is written in Scripture as you learn.

Romans 16-17 Warning to be aware of false teaching.

Psalms 119:73 A prayer for understanding the truths of God.

Romans 15:4 Share ways in which you have learned spiritual truths throughout your years.

Learning Through Listening

Isaiah 50:4 As we age, it gets physically more difficult to hear. What helps you focus on listening?

Proverbs 1:5 How are you adding to your learning?

Learning Throughout Your Entire Lifetime

Proverbs 9:9 and **Deuteronomy 4:9** Note the words "as long as you live."

What does this all mean to you as an older adult Christian?

Do you feel that you can't learn any more?

Are you committed to continue to learn as long as you live?

II Peter 1:2-11 A prayer for you as you continue to learn.

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