

## **“Read Books and Read People”**

The book of Job  
Tuesday Bible Lunch  
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**Introduction:** You learn things that will help you if you read books and read people. The value of reading books is that it expands your understanding. You go places you have never been. You met people you have never met. The list is endless.

Be sure the Bible is on your book reading list. Once you develop the habit of reading your Bible each day, you will see the difference it makes.

Equally important is reading people. You learn from their example. You see mistakes they make that you want to avoid. You see things they do that explain how they are successful. Reading people is huge.

One way to read people is to read books and articles about people. In my life, this has proven valuable beyond words.

**Illustration:** I brought along today three books that I am presently reading that help me learn not only things that happened, but also about the people that made them happen. I am reading people by reading books! (To hear about these three books, listen to the sermon on the church web page [www.fbp.org](http://www.fbp.org) ).

A great book to read about people is the Bible. An example is the book of Job.

**Text:** Job Chapter 1

- Patience is not the only lesson to be learned in the book of Job.
- I do not think patience is the main lesson to learn in the book of Job.

**T.S.** There are several lessons in the book of Job that make it one of the books in the Bible that is good to read often.

**Lesson #1:** We can learn from the way Job handled affliction (1:20-21).

**Lesson #2:** We can learn from the way Job responded to his wife (2:9-10).

**Lesson #3:** We can learn from the way Job responded to his three friends Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar (Chapters 4-31).

**Conclusion:** To me the great lesson to learn and remember about Job is his faith. Responding to His three friends Job said, “Though God slay me, yet will I trust Him” (Job 13:15). The Psalmist said, “I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With Him at my right hand, I will not be shaken” (Psalm 16:8—NIV).