

“Learning From Others”

Proverbs 27:17
Tuesday Bible Lunch
November 7, 2023

Introduction: There are several ways to learn. I mention four.

1. Self-learning

- books
- “Bulldog” it down

Illustration: We had the grandchildren this past weekend. Our grandson Joel had a Bible test on Monday so Sunday afternoon and Monday morning we reviewed the material with him. He literally “bulldogged” it down.

Illustration: This is how we all learned the alphabet and multiplication tables.

2. Structured-learning—school

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Text: Proverbs 23:17

Illustration: This is what the apostle Paul referred to in his letter to the Corinthian Christians. Their worldliness was a bad example and Paul told them they needed to remember the example of the Israelites.

Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-11 (NLT).

4. Then there is the school of hard knocks.

Today, I want to focus on “observed learning.”—learning from others.

- Read people.
- Learn from them by watching them and listening to them.

Illustration: A recent example was this past Saturday night at Andy’s Barbecue on Deadman Street in Pasadena. This is where Dr. Kendall wants to eat when he comes. (To hear the story, listen to the message on the church web page www.fbp.org).

Illustration: An almost 60 years ago example was something Dottie told me early in our marriage. She told me how she learned it and I leaned from what she had learned. (To hear the story, listen to the message on the church web page www.fbp.org).

Application: My most often used Proverbs verses are Proverbs 3:5-7

Text: Proverbs 3:5-7

- Memorized Proverbs 3:5-7 in the first grade.
- My motive for memorizing them was not very spiritual.
- My motive was to get a Bible.
- Little did I know what these verses would mean to me years to come!

Conclusion: I encourage you to read the Proverb of the day. One day you will thank me for encouraging you to do it. You should thank Dottie for letting me learn this from her. One day in heaven we might all want to thank Billy Graham for sharing the idea! Until then, share with others what reading the Proverb of the day means to you.