



Growing in the Truth – Knowing God's Word

A Chinese boy who wanted to learn about jade went to study with a talented old teacher. This gentleman put a piece of the stone into the youth's hand and told him to hold it tight. Then he began to talk of philosophy, men, women, the sun, and almost everything under it. After an hour he took back the stone and sent the boy home. The procedure was repeated for weeks. The boy became frustrated – when would he be told about jade? – but he was too polite to interrupt his venerable teacher. Then one day when the old man put a stone into his hands, the boy cried out instantly, "That's not jade!"

H. Robinson, Biblical Preaching, p. 102.

The more exposed we are to something, the more we know it.

Scripture

Read 2 Peter 1:5-21

Discovery Questions

1. What does Peter suggest that we pay attention to? (verse 19)
2. What qualities will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ? (verses 5-7)

3. In which of these qualities do you need the most growth in your life?

4. What efforts are you making to grow in these qualities?

Journaling

Which verse spoke most powerfully to you? Why?

Prayer: Spend some time in prayer conversing with your God. Use the following ideas as a potential guide to your prayer time.

- For the Lord's direction to the best outside resources to study God's word
- For understanding of God's word
- For growth in the qualities that lead to effective service to God
- For understanding of God's calling on your life