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"Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16)

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"Education is not received. It is achieved." – Anonymous

"If you think education is expensive, try ignorance." – Derek Bok

"There are three schoolmasters for everybody that will employ them – the senses, intelligent companions, and books." – Henry Ward Beecher

"What greater work is there than training the mind and forming the habits of the young?" – John Chrysostom

"Cultivation to the mind is as necessary as food to the body." – Cicero

"Take firm hold of instruction, do not let go; keep her, for she is your life" (Prov. 4:13). Far too many scoff at the notion of education. They don't see it as important. To them, it is a costly endeavor that yields little results. But such is a narrow view not realizing the benefits of a good education.

It was Leonardo da Vinci who once said, "Learning is the only thing the mind never exhausts, never fears, and never regrets." One could certainly wish that everyone could see the wisdom in what he was saying.

Now granted, all of us learn as we go through life. Some of us learn with "the school of hard knocks." But there is also a book education and instruction from others that can help us go far in life.

We need to be careful here and continue our education. It doesn't have to be formal, but certainly through reading and studying. Far too many in the church tend to take what they have learned too lightly. Remember the words of the Hebrew writer: "For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil" (Heb. 5:12-14).

We key in on the phrases "unskilled in the word" and "have their senses exercised to discern." Those phrases imply that an effort needs to be made to get to the point where one can handle the more "meatier" passages of Scripture.

It is sad to see folks who have been Christians for 30 years who still feel uncomfortable even talking to people about becoming a Christian! It seems rather shameful that they lack the incentive to grow in Christ. Yet, that is the theme in the book of 2 Peter.