

读不读 TO READ OR NOT TO READ

“你来的时候 ...，那些书也要带来，更要紧的是那些皮卷。” 提摩太后书4:13

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一个不原意读书的人，其实跟那些不能够读书的文盲是没有什么区别的！一个瞎眼的人通常是不能够读书的，同样的，一个从来没有学会阅读的人也是如此。不过，大多数的瞎眼的人，假如给他们机会能重见光明，都是会非常喜欢读书的。

你平常的时候有没有在阅读一些好书呢？使徒保罗乃是一个很了不起的领袖人物，并且是最伟大的使徒。保罗认为自己需要继续地去学习和成长。在腓立比书3:10那里，保罗写道：“**使我（更）认识基督。**”保罗想要更多地更深地来认识主耶稣，尽管他其实已经见到过主耶稣，并且已经是相当地了解主了。其实，我们不难发现，任何一位伟大的领袖，都必然是一个喜欢读书的人。假如你目前没有在阅读一些好的书籍，那么你可能就不会学习到新的事物。你只能吃老本，倚靠你先前所学到的有限的知识来指导你的日常生活。这样的话，你很难能够活出一个丰盛的充实的生命来。

你觉得自己已经是什么都知道了吗？**只有上帝是知道万事的，也只有上帝不再需要学习新的事物。**因为对上帝来说，世界当中，日光之下，绝对是没有新事的。他是无所不知的，并且从起初就知道末了的情况。所以上帝是不需要成长之过程的，因为他已经是完美的，毫无错谬和污秽的。但是你并非如此，你并不是无所不知的，也不是完美的。假如不学习新的真理，你作为人就不可能成长。你的脑子就会变得陈旧，整个人也会变得死气沉沉。

保罗在提摩太前书5:6写道，**那写好宴乐的人正活著的时候也是死的。**圣经的作者之一，路加医生，在路加福音15:24提到说，**那位浪子以前的挥霍糜烂的生活方式，其实是表明他乃是死的，只有当他明白过来，脑子清醒过来，浪子回头的时候，他才是真正地开始了活人的生活。**使徒约翰在启示录3:1也是说道，**有些人，按名是活的，其实是死的。**

你是否有在阅读和遵行上帝的话语呢？是否有在阅读一些由优秀的圣经学者所写的属灵书籍呢？你是否有活在基督里、并且持续地在成长呢？还是说，你虽然是个重生得救的基督徒，却是“在灵里面死亡”了的，既不读圣经，也不查考其它的属灵书籍，不去从那些优秀的圣经老师学习更多关于上帝的真理。请你珍惜光阴，追求长进，以下的网页有许多好的书籍，可以帮助你长大：<http://www.zhangdaderen.com/>

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One who does not read, is no different than the one who can't read!

A blind man can not read, nor can one who has never learned to read. Most blind men, if they could see, would be very happy to read.

Do you read good books? Paul was a leader and he was the greatest apostle. Paul believed he needed to continue to learn and grow. Paul in Philippians 3:10 said **“that I may know Him.”** Paul wanted to know Jesus better, even though he had already seen the Lord and knew Him. A leader is a reader. If you are not reading good books, you are probably not learning anything new. You are using what little knowledge you have to live your daily life. And not living life to the fullest extent.

Do you think you know all things? **God knows all things, so He never has to learn anything.** There is nothing new in the world to God, He knows all things and He knows the beginning from the end. And God never has to grow, because He is perfect, without any fault or sin. But you do not know all things and are not perfect. Without learning new truths you are not growing as a person. Your mind is going stale, becoming dead.

Paul wrote 1Timothy 5:6 that a **person living in pleasure is dead even while living.**

Dr. Luke wrote in Luke 15:24 that **the prodigal child who lived in pleasure was dead, but finally came to a right and good mind and started to live.** John wrote in Revelation 3:1 that **a person can be alive, yet dead.**

Are you reading and obeying God's Word, reading good books written by good Bible teachers, are you living and growing in Christ? Or are you “spiritually dead” even as a Christian, not reading the Bible, not reading good books to learn God's truth from good teachers. Read the books at <http://www.zhangdaderen.com/> and grow.