

Can You Spare 20 Minutes?

Recently, I received a letter with this statement: “Twenty four years in the first grade – that is how long it would take to pass if public schools met only as often as Sunday Bible school and if no classes were missed.”

Certainly, this is a challenging statement. Suppose you came to Bible school only half the time. That would be the equivalent of forty-eight years in the first grade. At this rate you can see why we have so much Bible ignorance in the world today. There was a time when members of the Lord’s church were known as people who really knew the Book, but we feel that day is past for many. We need to re-emphasize the importance of reading. A few years ago I read that if a person spent twenty minutes a day on a given subject for a period of twenty years, he could be an authority in that field. If that is true then think what twenty minutes a day over twenty years would mean in Bible knowledge.

We live in an age of education. Even retired people return to college and many of the younger ones are still in school at age 30. With all the emphasis on education, we need to emphasize Bible knowledge. We spend a great portion of our lives preparing for a profession or vocation in this world, which at best will be less than one century and spend so little time in preparing to live for eternity.

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