

Can you read?

Of course you can.

We know of 3, 4 and 5 year olds who can read. Some can read simple phrases or their names, but others have a greater vocabulary.

Why can you read?

Thank your teacher – usually your mother or grandmother who took the time to teach you.

Reading is important to the Christian!

Paul to Timothy – 1Ti 4:13 Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.

1Th 5:27 I put you under oath before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers.

2Co 1:13 For we are not writing to you anything other than what you read and understand and I hope you will fully understand—

Eph 3:4 When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ,

Col 4:16 And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea.

The "Dark Ages" is a historical periodization traditionally referring to the Middle Ages, that asserts that a demographic, cultural, and economic deterioration occurred in Western Europe following the decline of the Roman Empire.

The concept came to characterize the entire Middle Ages as a time of intellectual darkness between the fall of Rome and the Renaissance; this became especially popular during the 18th-century Age of Enlightenment.

“How the West and the Rest Got Rich” By Deirdre  
N. McCloskey, May 20, 2016

“Why are we so rich?” An American earns, on average, \$130 a day, which puts the U.S. in the highest rank of the league table. China sits at \$20 a day (in real, purchasing-power adjusted income) and India at \$10, even after their emergence in recent decades from a crippling socialism of \$1 a day.

Trevor Copeland commenting on the WSJ article --  
"Generally, an excellent article. (the author misses the critical role of Christianity: when not subverted by religio-political hierarchies, one simple truth of the gospel is that all humans are equal in the eyes of God -- granted freedom and responsibility in balanced measure

The correlative and causal relationship between freedom --responsibly managed by individuals exercising self-control/self-government-- and prosperity is no accident. And those who freely exercise generosity in it profit in heart as well."

1Ti 4:1-8 Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, (2) through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared, (3) who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. ... (6) If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed. (7) Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; (8) for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

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The Roman Catholic Church, which dominated the “civilized world” from the fall of the Roman Empire about 530 BC, was followed by illiteracy and superstition – still seen in exorcisms today.

Along with a world ruled by demons and witches, the Catholic church had no interest in the people reading the Bible



Psa 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; (8) the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; (9) the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. (10) More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Every Jewish child learned to read. The boys to read the Scriptures and the mothers to teach the boys

The Catholic church restricted the reading of the Bible until Vatican II in 1967. It continues to admonish Catholics that they cannot understand the Bible unless a priest interprets it for them.

“A Catholic clergyman asserted to Tyndale, ‘We had better be without God's laws than the Pope's.’ Tyndale responded: ‘I defy the Pope, and all his laws; and if God spares my life, ere many years, I will cause the boy that driveth the plow to know more of the Scriptures than thou dost!’”

# The Gospell off

## Sancte Jhon.

### The fyrst Chapter.



**I**n the begynnynge was that worde/ and that worde was with god: and god was thatt worde. The same was in the begynnynge wyth god. All thyngf were made by it/ and with out it/ was made noo thige/ that made was. In it was lyfe/ And lyfe was the light of mē/ And the light shys methi dardnes/ and dardnes cōprehēded it not.

There was a mā sent from god/ whose name was Jhon. The same cā as a witnes/ to beare witnes of the light/ that all men through hī mysht beleve. He was nott that light: but to beare witnes of the light. That was a true light/ whiich lighteneth all men that come īto the worlde. He was in the worlde/ and the worlde by hī was made: and the worlde knewe hym not.



William Tyndale,  
Protestant reformer  
Bible translator.

Tyndale's translation (1525-1537) was the first English Bible to draw directly from Hebrew and Greek texts, the first English translation to use Jehovah as God's name as preferred by English Protestant Reformers, the first English translation to take advantage of the printing press, and first of the new English Bibles of the Reformation.

Opening the Bible to all was taken to be a direct challenge to the dominance of both the Roman Catholic Church and the laws of England maintaining the church's position.

“The Church of Scotland was established in 1560, and official state religion in Scotland starting with the Protestant Reformation. in the following year it set out to provide a school in every parish controlled by the local kirk-session, with education to be provided free to the poor, and the expectation that church pressure would ensure that all children took part.”

The education of the common man was driven by a desire to know God’s word.

1Tim 4.8 for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

The great explosion of knowledge brought about technology -- the biggest problem for the world was the 1000 year delay brought about by the lack of knowledge of the order of the universe due a lack of study of God's word.

Consider the need of the common worker to be able to read and write to communicate with management in the industrial age, to know how to use logic as they built steam engines (1712) and a Scotsman, James Watt, in 1767, improved it to provide rotary power.

Is it any wonder that the coal, iron and manufacturing might in Great Britain resulted in the foundation of the industrial revolution of the world? – They had a literate work force trained in reason coupled with resources.

William McGuffey published his readers beginning in 1837. McGuffey was a conservative theological teacher whose readers emphasized moral and spiritual education, and attempted to give schools a curriculum that would instill Presbyterian Calvinist beliefs and manners in their students.

“The 1879 edition contained the Sermon on the Mount, two selections from the Book of Psalms, the Lord's Prayer, the story of the death of Absalom (2 Sam. 18), and Paul's speech on the Areopagus (Acts 17). The Bible was still referred to as “the Book of God,’ ‘a source of inspiration,’ ‘an important basis for life,’ and was cited in support of particular moral issues.”



Although it is not well understood by many, the idea of public schooling comes straight from the Bible.

Eph 5:10 and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

Eph 5:17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

2Ti 2:15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

“The manufacturer Henry Ford cited McGuffey's Readers as one of his most important childhood influences. He was an avid fan of McGuffey's Readers first editions.”

“He is credited with ‘Fordism’: mass production of inexpensive goods coupled with high wages for workers.”

With his fortune he established a foundation for scientific, educational and charitable purposes.

Unfortunately, public schools no longer teach the Bible in this country, nor are Biblical principles taught.

McGuffey's ethical code was vivid stories of a child modeled in this book who is prompt, good, kind, honest and truthful.

Ideas that are not only Biblical, but much needed in today's society.

## A question

Have you thought about why your children need to read?

Howard County Times 2016 -- A 15 year old girl whose father was a dentist, originally from Columbia, went to Columbia on a mission to provide dental services. While there, she asked a young girl what she was studying in school and the girl replied that she didn't go to school as there was no need for her to be able to read.

Why did the West get rich?

Public education because of a need to read the Bible.

What does the rest of the world – the unrich – fail to realize?

They need to read and follow the Bible.

Democracy will not provide an adequate way of life without a basis of Christian principles.

65% of the nations of the world are democracies – to some degree.

Only 7 of those have a higher economic status than the US.

The world needs Biblical Christianity.

One of the major points made on our radio program is the need for reading and studying the Bible and then having the humility – honesty – to accept what it says.

Believer's in God's word will do what He says.

Mar 16:14 Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. (15) And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. (16) Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.







