

A Habit of Having Half a Conversation

Heb 5:14

This section gives four marks of spiritual immaturity: laziness (dullness) toward the Word (Heb 5:11), inability to teach the Word to others (Heb 5:12), a diet of only elementary truths in the Word (Heb 5:12–13), and lack of skill in applying the Word (Heb 5:14).

The figure of milk for babes and solid food for full-grown men, to illustrate the teaching suitable for Beginners and for advanced Christians, is found also in 1 Cor. 3:1-2; and that of νήπιος in 1 Cor. 14:20; Gal. 4:19; Eph. 4:14.

Ἔξις – Habit, Practice. A consistent, relational possession.

Aristotle - "Having" means (a) In one sense an activity, as it were, of the haver and the thing had, or as in the case of an action or motion; for when one thing makes and another is made, there is between them an act of making. In this way between the man who has a garment and the garment which is had, there is a "having." Clearly, then, it is impossible to have a "having" in this sense; for there will be an infinite series if we can have the having of what we have. But (b) there is another sense of "having" which means a disposition, in virtue of which the thing which is disposed is disposed well or badly, and either independently or in relation to something else. E.g., health is a state, since it is a disposition of the kind described. Further, any part of such a disposition is called a state; and hence the excellence of the parts is a kind of state.

Scripture = God - Romans 9:17 cf. Exodus 9:12; Galatians 3:8 cf. Genesis 12:3; Matthew 19:4-5 cf. Genesis 2:24; 1 Corinthians 2:16 cf. John 15:15

Rom 15:4-5 - Written for our instruction.

1 Tim 4:13 – Reading (Looking at and listening to what God says), Exhorting (Making application in daily life) , Teaching (Systematic instruction in the doctrines of the faith).

2 Tim 3:16 – Copulative and cumulative, God-breathed for and profitable (beneficial) for..., for a purpose; that the people of God are prepared (ready), equipped (able), to do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight (Heb 13:21). Who gets the Glory?

Acts 17:11 – Noble-minded means that the Bereans understood that God's word is the perfect standard and they measured the preacher's sermon against it. What does this mean? It means they had a daily, complete conversation with God.

1 Cor 2:10-13 – Reliance on the Holy Spirit cf. 1 John 2:27

John 5:39 - The Pharisees also had a one sided conversation: They read the word but did not let God speak to them from it.

2 Pet 1:19; Psalm 119:105 – The word is a light...

1 Cor 2:16; Eph 3:3-4 -The word is the mind of Christ

Phil 3:18-19; Matt 15:5-9; Rom 6:16-19 - You will have a standard

Joshua 1:8 – Meditate on it day and night (De. 6:6–9; 11:18, 19; 17:18, 19; 30:14; 31:11. Ps. 37:30, 31; 40:10; 119:42, 43. Is. 59:21. Mat. 12:35. Ep. 4:29. *You shall*. Ps. 1:2, 3; 19:14; 119:11, 15, 97, 99. Pr. 2:1–5; 3:1. Col. 3:16. 1 Ti. 4:14–16. *observe*. See on De. 5:29, 32, 33; 6:1–3. Mat. 7:21, 24; 28:20. Lu. 11:28. Jn. 13:17; 14:21. Ja. 1:22–25.

Jerome – read the sacred scriptures constantly, indeed never let the sacred volume out of your sight. Learn what you have to teach (Heb 5:12).