

ON YOUR LIFE - EDUCATIONAL

THE IMPORTANCE OF INCREASING KNOWLEDGE

Letter Nine

Dear Y.B.M.:

I am writing this letter from the beautiful F.W. Bluford Library on the historically black North Carolina A & T University in Greensboro, North Carolina. I am in town for a special meeting that I am to speak at in a church in the area. But my being here in this particular library is quite fitting since in this letter I wish to encourage you to get a good education. This matter of getting a good education, or rather, increasing your knowledge, is extremely important. So important that even God addresses it in His Word – the Bible. Notice these words from the book of Proverbs 1:5:

“A wise man will hear and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels.”

The value of getting a good education or “increasing your knowledge” is all around us. Notice with me just seven of the many advantages of “increasing your knowledge.”

First, through increasing your knowledge, you will receive personal enrichment and fulfillment.

Second, increasing your knowledge will give you a greater capacity to help others.

Third, getting a good education will, generally speaking, allow you throughout your life to do better financially and materially.

Fourth, increasing your knowledge will help you to deal with the vicissitudes of life better.

Fifth, increasing your knowledge will help you to interact with your family and other people better.

Sixth, getting a good education will allow you to better express yourself through speech and writing.

Seventh, increasing your knowledge can help you to become a more humble individual because you will find, as you increase in knowledge, how ignorant you really are. Now, you may not think humility is a good quality to possess, but the fact of the matter is that you can't go up until you come down.

“The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.”

-Proverbs 15:33

“Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”

-Matthew 18:4

“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.”

-I Peter 5:6

The aforementioned advantages of getting a good education are just a few of the many advantages. There are many more. You will find them out as you increase your knowledge.

As I wrap this letter up, may I kindly but firmly say to you CHANGE YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARD EDUCATION AND KNOWLEDGE! High school and college is not the time to play! School time is not a time for partying! School is not a time for foolishness! School is serious business! Very serious business! Somebody somewhere is paying good money for you to obtain this knowledge. It is either your parents, some other member of your family, Mr. Tax-payer or yourself. This is not the time to be Mr. Cool! Change your attitude towards education, increase your knowledge and become a more powerful individual.

Do your best in High School, and get a good college education of some sort **“by any means necessary.”**

For the Increasing of Knowledge,

Daniel

P.S. A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination.

-Nelson Mandela

When we go into action and confront our adversaries, we must be as armed with as much knowledge as they.

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Real knowledge, properly used, will help anyone.

-Romare Bearden

Always know that there is unlimited power in a developed mind and a disciplined spirit. If your mind can conceive it and your heart can believe it, you can achieve it. Suffering breeds character; character breeds faith, and in the end faith will prevail.

-Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Jr.

Nothing pains some people more than having to think.

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.