

活到老學到老¹

最近剛好完成雅各書的查經班。從中提到我們需為將來面對主時作好準備，我們要學習忍耐、不要埋怨，要管制舌頭，不可胡亂說話，是就說是，不是就說不是。還有很多很多其他的教訓，都講及我們日常生活上的表現。



未作基督徒以前，從沒想過這些都是需要學習的東西，從小在學校學到的都是知識上的學問，父母教導的都是基本的處世態度，如今自己已是成人，相信自己也學會做人的道理。但原來在神裏面，我們要學習等候主回來的預備是這麼重要。

忍耐、不埋怨、不胡亂說話，說起來很簡單，但真正要實行出來，絕對不易。這些行為都很受我們的性格影響，我這個人直腸直肚，說話直接爽快，雖然不算是個急性子，但說話時不會多加思索，衝口而出，這樣很容易說錯話，舌頭受不了管制。又或我們遇到困難時很容易會埋怨，這些都是我們經常表現出的行為。

所以要改變這些行為，我們要緊記主的教導，憑主的力量去慢慢學習。若不是神提醒，我是一定會忽略了這些的重要。活到如今，原來還有聖經上許多的教導要去學，都是在學校或在家都不能學到的。求主幫助，讓我在靈命裏繼續學習操煉自己。我不想做個聽道不行道的人，因為經上說身體沒有靈魂是死的，信心沒有行為也是死的。（雅 2：26）

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Keep Learning As We Keep Living

We just recently finished studying the book of James. It talked about we should be prepared to meet our Lord. We need learn to be patient, do not complain, control our tongue, do not talk nonsense, let our yes be yes and our no be no. There are many more teachings, they are about how to live our daily lives.

Before I became a Christian, I had never thought about these are the things I had to learn. From school I learned intellectual things, gain knowledge. My parents taught me basic attitude toward people and things in this world. Now, when I am grown, I believe I have already learned the philosophy of life. However, I just found out when I am in Christ, it is very important that I prepare myself for the day to meet the Lord.

Be patient; do not complain; do not talk nonsense; it is easy just to talk about them, but to put them into practice is definitely difficult. Our deeds are affected by our ingrown character. I'm very frank, I say what is on my mind. Even I am not exactly impatient, often times I do not think too much and just blurt it out. It's easy for me to say something I regret later. I cannot control my tongue. Sometimes when I come across difficulties, I am prone to complain.

If we want to change our behavior, we have to dearly remember the Lord's teaching, put them into practice with the strength that Christ gives me. If it was not God who reminded me, I definitely would have neglected the importance of His teachings. After all these years, I just realized there is so much to learn from the Bible, those are the things that I cannot learn from school or from my parents. May the

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Lord help me, let me continue to grow spiritually. I don't want to be a person who merely hear the Word because the Bible says "As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead." James 2:26.