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Monday

THE BEGINNING OF KNOWLEDGE

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction. Prov. 1:7.

We live in an age of knowledge. Never has so great an accumulation of facts been gathered into libraries, or so much scientific knowledge acquired, as today. Colleges are filled to overflowing. Education is more highly valued than ever.

With all our thirst for education, one may wonder whether we are really securing wisdom. Suicide is on the increase. Nervous prostration is a common affliction. We of our age move at a rapid pace, chasing the dollar or madly seeking pleasure. How much true wisdom do we have?

All true wisdom rests upon belief in God and study of His Word. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. If we leave Him out of account, our civilization is bound to crumble. If we fail to study His Word and to seek salvation through the Christ it presents, our lives are doomed to frustration and disappointment. How important it is that our search for knowledge be founded and grounded in the fear of the Lord!

Parents have a great responsibility for the education of their children. Many are finding it extremely difficult to fulfill this responsibility in these days of widespread unbelief. If the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, surely it is absurd to expect Christian children to receive their knowledge at the hands of teachers who do not themselves fear God.

One of the most hopeful developments of our day is the growth of Christian day schools. May God bless them greatly, and use them as a means of training multitudes of children to possess that true wisdom which will make their lives worth while.

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