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- God's life plan is always just below the surface of our spiritual lives
- But there are reasons we sometimes are frustrated in our growth



Aiming Carefully

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Getting perspective

- The church has great problems in training leaders.
- The NT church had its own problems so we can't totally dismiss them, but....
- Who has enough leaders?
- Where are the leaders of integrity?
- The issue is not if we can win--We are overcomers!

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Isn't it good to learn about the Bible?

- Bible surveys and specific book studies are great.
- But we take a deeper look at what a person must learn to be effective.
- Training is great but we can go further
- Our goals tend to be good but must learn how God teaches us.

...You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving. For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them (Matthew 13:14-15-NIV).

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Fine tuning of the mind

- Arrogance learning
- Irrelevant learning
- Mis-learning (Sadducee)
- A doing learning
- Faith learning

Confidence in knowledge is not confidence in the Lord.

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Our Lessons

- Spiritual training must be integrated into all of our training. The importance of spiritual goals must outweigh educational ones.
- In many cases, teachers have mistakenly assumed that knowledge is the primary need of students.
- Our training must be reevaluated in light of God's training process, otherwise our special opportunities of instruction will be wasted.

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Application

- ➡ Have you taken any Bible related classes (including Sunday School)? What has made the best classes great? What made the bad ones terrible?
- ➡ Did you feel that your education/training prepared you for service? Explain how.
- ➡ What could have been improved?

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