

Consider and Understand

"Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything." II Timothy 2:7

A man can "consider" what another says, but the Lord gives understanding. The Psalmist notes, "He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel."¹ Anyone can listen and observe, however only God can enlighten the understanding. This is what Paul meant when he said, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."²

If you do not "consider" and "understand," you diminish your odds of finishing the race of life well. Because temporal dreams are not realized, you will become disillusioned, blaming God for unkindness, living in self-pity. You will fail to "understand" that His hardships are an expression of God's grace, and you will become "weary in well-doing."

For this reason, it is imperative that you spend protracted time meditating on the Word of God. Ponder the admonitions and teachings of the Bible. Consider carefully what they teach, and in a spirit of dependence and humility, beg God to give you understanding. **"For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding."**³

Ps 103:7 1 Cor 2:14 Prov 2:6