Friends of Seedtime,

Advantages

Wisdom, insight, understanding

I enjoy reading these verses below in our Haiti Bible study.

Psalm 119:98-100

Your commands are always with me and make me wiser than my enemies.

99 I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes.

100 I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts.

Advantages for me... over my enemies, teachers and elders.

• If I keep your commands with me.

A starting point: Buy a Bible and read it please.

• If I meditate on what you teach me.

Don't just check the box after reading it. Think about it. Study it up one side and down the other. Not good at deep research, fine, just keep reading it and praying for insight.

• If I obey.

Yeah, hard step. I understand, but this is where you find the biggest advantage. Consider doing this step with a friend. Consider Judges 1:1-3 After the death of Joshua, the Israelites asked the Lord, "Who of us is to go up first to fight against the Canaanites?" ² The Lord answered, "Judah shall go up; I have given the land into their hands." ³ The men of Judah then said to the Simeonites their fellow Israelites, "Come up with us into the territory allotted to us, to fight against the Canaanites. We in turn will go with you into yours." So the Simeonites went with them.

Life is a challenge. Discouragement seems less than a breath away. I'd love to find an advantage. I think Psalm 119:98-100 was written to help make that advantage clear to you and me.

Satan wins when we set down our Bible, when we fail to let it sink in, and when we choose not to implement God's counsel to us. Now God is sovereign and he will come search us out when we get lost. However, I don't suppose anyone of us Christians should be *trying* to get lost.

Quite honestly, these days Haiti is in such a mess I can not figure out which direction to go. Frantz is not fairing better these days than he was at the beginning of February. Churches are not yet agreeing to meet for our study as they wait for things to settle down. The last thing we can afford to do is walk away from the pursuit of Biblical counsel. It contains major advantages for us, advantages he will give to anyone willing to make the climb through the three points given us in the Psalm above.

Thank you for your attention to Seedtime's discipleship efforts.

Blessings to you!

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<u>Numbers 15:39</u>

You will have these tassels to look at and so you will remember all the commands of the LORD, that you may obey them and not prostitute yourselves by chasing after the lusts of your own hearts and eyes.



We don't put the tassles on our clothes so much, but a tassel in the Bible does well to mark your next reading spot. Let's agree to move the tassles a little each day.



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"While the Earth Remains,
SEEDTIME AND HARVEST,
COLD AND HEAT,
WINTER AND SUMMER,
AND DAY AND NIGHT
SHALL NOT CEASE."
GENESIS 8:22