

EDUCATING AND RE-EDUCATING

FOCAL PASSAGE: ACTS 8:29-31: “THE SPIRIT TOLD PHILLIP, “GO TO THAT CHARIOT AND STAY NEAR IT.” THEN PHILLIP RAN UP TO THE CHARIOT AND HEARD THE MAN READING ISAIAH THE PROPHET. “DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE READING?” PHILLIP ASKED. “HOW CAN I,” HE SAID. “UNLESS SOMEONE EXPLAINS IT TO ME?” SO HE INVITED PHILLIP TO COME UP AND SIT WITH HIM.

BIBLICAL TRUTH: YOU ARE NEVER GOING TO KNOW IT ALL. KNOW MATTER WHO YOU ARE THERE IS ALWAYS MORE TO LEARN.

BUSINESS IMPACT: BY EDUCATING YOUR SELF AND YOUR EMPLOYEES YOUR COMPANY WILL PROSPER.

BEING IN BUSINESS A WHILE YOU CAN TAKE THINGS FOR GRANTED. WHEN I STARTED APPRAISING WE HAD THE ONE HOUR PHOTO SHOP WHERE WE GOT OUR PHOTOS DONE, A BIG FILE DRAWER WITH A BUNCH OF FLOOD MAPS, ETC. THINGS EVOLVE. IT IS THE NATURE OF LIFE. NOW WE HIT ONE BUTTON AND THE FLOOD MAPS ARE THERE AND MOST OF US ARE FAMILIAR WITH HOW EASY PHOTOGRAPHS CAN BE TAKEN.

I’VE BEEN SUCCESSFUL AT BEING AN APPRAISER, BUT COULD I BE MORE SUCCESSFUL AND THOROUGH? TWO YEARS AGO I WENT THROUGH A MANDATORY 40 HOUR TRAINING PROGRAM. I LEARNED MORE IN THAT 40 HOURS THAN I HAD IN THE PREVIOUS SIX YEARS OF ONLINE COURSES. I NEEDED TO BE RE-TRAINED. I NEEDED SOMEONE TO SHOW ME HOW THE APPRAISAL INDUSTRY HAS CHANGED. BY GOING THROUGH THIS TRAINING I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO BE A BETTER APPRAISER AND REALIZED THAT WHILE I WAS SUCCESSFUL BY THE WORLD STANDARDS I HAD A LONG WAY TO GO BY GOD’S STANDARDS.

AND SOMETIMES YOU NEED TO GET BACK TO THE BASICS. VINCE LOMBARDI TOLD HIS TEAM AFTER A BIG GAME THAT THEY LOSSED THAT THEY HAD FORGOT THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE GAME. SO HE STARTED FROM SCRATCH. HE HELD UP A FOOTBALL AND ASKED THE TEAM DID THEY KNOW WHAT IT WAS. SOMETIMES IT’S GOOD TO GO BACK WHERE YOU STARTED.

NOT ONLY IS IT IMPORTANT THAT YOU ARE TRAINED PROPERLY, BUT YOU TAKE THE TIME AND YES THE MONEY TO MAKE SURE YOUR EMPLOYEES ARE UP-TO-DATE AND TRAINED WELL.

YOU'VE HEARD THE SAYING YOU CAN'T TEACH AN OLD DOG NEW TRICKS. I BEG TO DIFFER. MOST OF US ARE OLD DOGS IN OUR BUSINESSES, DON'T BE AFRAID OR ASHAMED TO LET THE YOUNG DOGS TEACH YOU A THING OR TWO AS WELL.

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS USELESS INFORMATION. IT IS JUST A MATTER OF WHEN YOU ARE GOING TO NEED IT. I JOKE WITH ANDY ABOUT BEING CLIFF FROM CHEERS. HE'S FULL OF A LOT OF THINGS. ONE THING BEING USELESS INFORMATION. I CANNOT TELL YOU HOW MANY TIMES I ACTUALLY NEEDED TO KNOW THIS USELESS INFORMATION.

Tell me, and I forget, teach me, and I may remember, Involve me, and I learn.
---Benjamin Franklin---

If you want to fill a dozen milk bottles, you must not stand back and spray at them with a hose. You may get them wet, but you won't fill them. You must take them one by one.
--- Henrietta C. Mears---

In my walks ,every man I meet is my superior in some way, and in that I learn from him.
---Ralph Waldo Emerson---