

2 Corinthians 3:18

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Don't read the bible to be "informed", but rather to be "in formed" or as today's devotional verse says ***being transformed***.

We have become a generation that is over informed. 20 years ago if you were talking to a friend, say about a song or a movie, but you both could not remember the title of the song or movie, you would both rack your brains trying to figure it out. You would go to friends and family asking what the name was, and it could take minutes, hours or even days until you came up with the title. But now-a-days it's a matter of talking to this little hand held computer (your cell phone) and asking it, and in a matter of seconds you have your answer.

I know sometimes for the studies and devos here, there will be information I need, so I Google it, and there it is. But also along with that, there is a lot of information that is just not right at all. But people find it on the internet and they think it must be true, because after all, they found it on the internet.

Spoiler alert, not everything on the internet is true. Anyone in the world can post and create a website without anyone saying it's ok to have that website or not. And no one is policing it to say if what you are reading is true or not. Even my website, UseTheSword.com that I created and where I post my bible studies and devotionals, no one polices them to verify if they are right or not. It's up to each and every one that reads them to check it all out against the bible to make sure what you are reading here is true or not.

But how many people read their bible or go to church to be informed? They simply want to learn bible stories or memorize bible verses, or only look for those make you feel good verses. Those are the same ones who buy those make you feel good little books of bible verse to be encouraged. I don't know about you, but I get more encouraged with bible verses that challenge me and my Christian walk than those that make me feel all ooey gooey. Just like I am not a big fan of giving everyone a trophy or prize just for participating, because the bible says.

† **1 Corinthians 9:24** *Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it.*

Therefore I do not read the bible to be informed, But rather to be in formed, which is transforming the inward man so that I (or we) ***do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Romans 12:2***

And this is only done with an inward change of the heart, and not an intellectual change of the brain.

† **Romans 2:29 (NLT2)** *No, a true Jew is one whose heart is right with God. And true circumcision is not merely obeying the letter of the law; rather, it is a change of heart produced by God's Spirit. And a person with a changed heart seeks praise from God, not from people.*