

PLEASE READ WHAT I WRITE #2

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Last week I wrote, in what I hope you recognized to be something of a teasing fashion, about how I feel when I go to the effort to write material for this bulletin that is helpful, interesting, accurate and even enjoyable to read, only to get the impression that people do not read it. Thanks to all the many persons who have let me know by one means or another that you read what I write. It really means a lot to me that people read the weekly articles I write. That is gratifying and makes me happy. One man brings it to work and reads it there; he even offered to call my mom and tell her why he likes it. A mother calls her grown children on the phone and reads my articles to them. What lengths to which empty nest mothers will go in order to keep in touch with their kids! I appreciate that you care about me and what I write, but more importantly that you care about your own spiritual welfare and growth, about this church, and about how we as faithful Christians can look at and understand the world we live in.

It might be worth considering how God feels about us reading his word. I believe one way we can make God happy is to read his word because we believe it to be worthwhile, meaningful and beneficial to people's lives. We are blessed that God inspired and gave to us *"the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."* Don't you want some of that wisdom? Find a few minutes a week, or maybe even a few minutes every day, to read that. Think about how it must make God feel for us to read his word (or neglect to read it). How it must give the Lord pleasure and satisfaction when we look forward to reading his word and then set aside time to read it. I believe we give our Heavenly Father joy when we read his word and find things that strengthen our faith and that we apply to our lives, when we share those things with others or when we take those very words and thoughts and make them part of our prayer to God. (2 Timothy 3:15)