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## “ How Readest Thou ?

— LUKE 10: 26. —

“ ’Tis one thing, friend, to read the Bible through,  
Another thing to read to learn and do ;  
’Tis one thing, too, to read it with delight  
And quite another thing to read it right.

‘ Some read it with design to learn to read,  
But to the subject pay but little heed ;  
Some read it as their duty once a week,  
But no instruction from the Bible seek.

“ Some read to bring themselves into repute,  
By showing others how they can dispute ;  
Whilst others read because their neighbors do,  
To see how long ’twill take to read it through.

“ Some read the blessed Book, they don’t know why ;  
It somehow happens in the way to lie ;  
Whilst others read it with uncommon care,  
But all to find some contradictions there.

“ One reads with father’s specs upon his head,  
And sees the thing just as his father did ;  
Another reads through Campbell or through Scott,  
And thinks it means exactly what *they* thought.

“ Some read to prove a preadopted creed,  
Thus understand but little what they read ;  
And every passage of the book they bend  
To make it suit that all important end.  
Some people read, as I have often thought,  
To teach the Book instead of being taught.”



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## THE SECRET

of reading the Bible "with delight" lies in being able to "rightly *divide* the Word of truth," "according to the purpose [plan] of the ages which God formed in Christ Jesus our Lord."—2 Tim. 2:15; Eph. 3:11; Heb. 1:3, *Revised Version, margin.*

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