

Walking with Giants

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I. Introduction.

A. God touched Anderson's heart through a Hudson Taylor biography, and he saw God work through him in China as a result.

B. The power of a life reflected through a biography is incredible.

II. A biography ought to stir the heart, mind and soul. (Proverbs 13:20)

A. Biographies help a person to walk through life.

B. Faith is challenged by reading biographies.

C. Courage is strengthened. (Deuteronomy 31:6)

D. They help with a capacity to love and sacrifice.

E. The power of a good book is impossible to measure.

F. One can assess true character.

G. One can assess interconnectedness between character and spiritual depth.

III. Why people do not read.

A. People are busy.

B. People are not interested.

IV. How to read.

A. Read to bless others.

B. Read widely.

V. People to read about: Hudson Taylor, George Mueller, Trotter, Wilberforce, Amy Carmichael, Jim Elliot, Elizabeth Elliot, Oswald Chambers, St Francis, Adoniram Judson, William Carey, Mother Theresa and David Brainerd.

VI. One needs to be cautious to spend more time in God's Word than biographies though. (Matthew 4:4)

Application questions:

1. Why are biographies helpful for Christian growth?

2. Which biography are you most excited to get into?

3. How can you reorient your schedule in order to make biography reading possible? Explain.
