

Ap:ologe shewing the vse of the scripture



Though a man had a precious iuel and a rich/ yet if he wiste not the value therof nor wherfore it serred/ he were nother the better nor ryer of a straw. Euen so though we read the scripture & habile of it never so moch/ yet if we know not the vse of it/ and wherfore it was geuen/ and what is therein to be sought/ it profiteth vs noz thinge at all. It is not ynough therfore to read and talke of it only/ but we must also desyre god daye and night instantly to open our eyes/ and to make vs vnderstand and feale wherfore the scripture was geuen/ that we maye applye the medicine of the scripture/ every mā to his awne sores / inlesse then we entend to be ydle disputers/ and braulers aboute vayne wordes/ euer gnawenge vpon the bitter bareke with out and neuer attayninge vnto the swete pith within/ and persecutinge one an other for defendinge of lewde imaginacions and phantasyes of oure arene inuencion

Paule in y^e thyrde of y^e secōde epistle to Tymothee sayth/ y^e the scripture is good to teache (for y^e ought mē to teach & not dreames of their awne makige/ as y^e pope doth) & also to improve/ for y^e scripture is y^e twichstone y^e tryeth all doctrynes/ & by y^e we know the false from y^e true.