



*"For a number of years I have now annually read through the Bible twice. If the Bible were a large, mighty tree and all its words were little branches, I have tapped at all the branches, eager to know what was there and what it had to offer. . . First I shake the whole tree that the ripest may fall. Then I climb the tree and shake each limb, and then each branch and then each twig, and then I look under each leaf."*

Martin Luther, in *What Luther Says; An Anthology*, (Plass) vol 3, 3:1359 and *Gathered Gold*, (Blanchard) [Cited in Mayhue, *How to Interpret*, 49.]