Pay Attention To This

In defense of reading:

 Until I come, give attention to the *public* reading *of Scripture*, to exhortation and teaching. (1 Tim. 4:13)

 Exhortation – emboldening another in belief or course of action

Teaching - instruction

"Have you not read?"

Six times in Matthew alone, Jesus asked this question.

 And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read. (Lk. 4:16)

Acts 13:15, 27; 15:21

Are you reading or listening?

- By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, (Eph. 3:4)
- When this letter is read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and you, for your part read my letter *that is coming* from Laodicea. (Col. 4:16)
- I adjure you by the Lord to have this letter read to all the brethren. (1 Thess. 5:27)

God's people

"FOR THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR MINDS, AND I WILL WRITE THEM ON THEIR HEARTS. AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE. (Heb. 8:10)

 Cannot have in my heart or mind unless it comes through eyes, ears or touch.

Listen to God

- Acts 18:24-26
- Galatians 2:1-5, 11-14