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Please introduce yourself. Respond to at least two others. How do you define "research?"

Responded to two classmates via the discussion board.

My American name is Regina Tsai. I began working as a medication technician and personal hygiene assistant at a very young age. I cared for family members and volunteered at assisted living facilities & Christian nursing homes while attending school. When my family members encountered severe illness, I realized earning a Medical interpreting diploma would strengthen my ability to communicate with medical staff & clearly explain each diagnosis & procedure to the family members. From there, I continued my calling as a human service practitioner for almost two decades, mainly within health care & public school education.

Because of my spine injury, I transitioned to a remote culture and language liaison role in recent years. My day-to-day experiences involved working among medical and social services professionals, skilled English speakers, and limited English proficiency patients. I observed healthcare providers encounter obstacles and cultural barriers when treating patients with limited English proficiency (LEP) as well as English-speaking patients who suffer from acute or chronic illnesses, often in primary care during regular physical check-ups as well. The particular population encounters higher hospital rates, more frequent hospital admissions, and readmission, and their understanding of the illness remains limited and compromised (Barwise, 2018). Furthermore, I noticed that the gerontology population who contributed to society were going through health issues and not receiving the care they deserved, as well as those who may benefit from structural attention after retirement. One day, everyone will age, regardless of their age, gender, demographic, or geographic preference.

I will define “research” from a Christian perspective. From a biblical perspective, research investigates knowledge, seeking a comprehensive understanding that aligns with the Bible's principles and teachings. Research, in a biblical view, is about seeking truth, guided by wisdom and discernment, while being responsible stewards of knowledge. It is done with

integrity, humility, and a focus on glorifying God and serving others. The process acknowledges the limitations of human understanding and relies on God's guidance throughout.

In Genesis, God has given man the ability to think, learn and do. Critical thinking skills, learning, doing, time management, investigating, data collection, ability to paraphrase...etc., to name a few, are some essential practical elements research scholars would utilize along with God's biblical endorsement. The whole of creation served the intricacies of the human body, which God created among the wonders of the constellation, the ever-mysterious forest supply nourishment for the vertebrates and the invertebrates. However, with technology, the blueprint of God's creation has advanced with human-made advancement. Terminology such as investigation, ponder, conceive, projecting, and comprehension are found in the original biblical language.

John 5:39, the scripture reads, "You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about me."

Deuteronomy chapter thirteen, verse four-teen "Then you shall investigate and search out and inquire thoroughly. If it is accurate and the matter establishes that this abomination has been done among you" (John, 2019).

I will integrate faith, reason & biblical foundation and utilize prayer, guidance, discernment & ethical consideration. I will acknowledge God's sovereignty, glorify Him, and contribute to social change from a humanity angle; as Mark 12:31 indicates, "Research should also aim to serve others, reflecting the biblical command to love one's neighbor." Neighbors nowadays, to me, are the day-to-day human beings I encounter and align with God's will and contribute to the greater good (Mark, 2017).

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