

St Francis Admonition Day 10.

That Good Works should accompany Knowledge.

The Apostle says, “the letter kills, but the spirit quickens.” People are killed by the letter when they seek only to know the words, so that they can be esteemed as more learned than others. So that they may acquire great riches to leave to their relations and friends.

Those religious are killed by the letter, who will not follow the spirit of the Holy Scriptures. But who, prefer to know the words and how to interpret them to others.

Those who are quickened by the spirit of the Holy Scriptures, are those people who do not interpret materially every text they know or wish to know. But instead, by word and example, give them back to God from whom is all good.