



**Patrick Henry College**  
For Christ and for Liberty

## Kuyper/More Journalism Scholarship

*“The discipline of biography offers us a vision of how God has worked across the centuries in many lives with the hope that He can do so with us as well.”*

The Kuyper/More Journalism scholarship at Patrick Henry College was created to encourage aspiring Christian journalists to learn about God’s design for living well by studying the lives of His people through the ages.

The Bible is filled with role models -- examples of how we should live. We also see how not to live in biographies of Abraham, Moses, the kings of Israel and Judah and Paul. Jesus Christ is the only perfect role model, but God has given us many life stories in the Bible. We also have more role models from history. Wisdom suggests that we read at least one biography a month, as a matter of discipline. Biographies offer an application of Proverbs 13:20, “He who walks with the wise grows wise.”

A walk with Theodore Roosevelt shows boldness and energy.

A walk with Hannah More shows how she dedicated her writing to end the slave trade in the British Empire.

A walk with Abraham Kuyper shows a brilliant mind wholly committed to reformation through Christ in Holland.

A walk with Sam Adams shows a passion for liberty for the American colonies.

A walk with Elizabeth Fry shows how to raise children in the Lord, apply Matthew 25:36-40 and help the prisoners.

All these people had flaws and weaknesses. As they dedicated their natural strengths to God’s service, God even worked through their weaknesses for His purposes. Their successes as well as their weaknesses and failures give us hope that God can use the rest of us for His kingdom advancement.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1-2

### Hannah More Background:

Hannah More, 1745-1833

When William Wilberforce campaigned against slavery in the British Empire, Hannah More was the influential journalist at his side. She had been a successful playwright and friend to elite literary figures of England. Converted to Christ through the ministry of former slave-trader John Newton, she started writing popular pamphlets and stories calling for an end to British slavery and cultural renewal of British society. She is credited by one biographer for a key pamphlet, *Village Politics*, that saved England from the bloody and unsuccessful French Revolution. She and her sisters also launched an extensive ministry to the poor in a rural part of England, with the support of Wilberforce and his friends. It started as an all-day Sunday School and grew into several schools and discipleship work that would seem like rescue mission work today.

She is a role model for offering her talents and gifts to a nation afflicted by drunkenness, the slave trade, gambling addiction, poverty and broken families. Her mind was enlightened by the Bible. Her heart was inflamed by a passion for England's welfare, Jeremiah 29:7 (Seek the welfare of the land). She sought transformation for England at a turning point in western history.

#### Abraham Kuyper Background:

Abraham Kuyper, 1837-1920

Kuyper was a Dutch journalist, pastor, theologian, prime minister, Christian political party leader and founder of the Free University of Amsterdam. Kuyper was excellent across several fields – a very significant man in journalism, church, university, theology and politics in Holland, late 19<sup>th</sup> century and early 20<sup>th</sup> century. He started a university, built up the Anti-Revolutionary Party into a major political force and wrote newspaper columns several times a week. Sometimes he had to take time off in the mountains, due to understandable exhaustion.