

Add To Your Faith Knowledge

Introduction:

We need to develop a deeper knowledge of God's word.

- I. We all need to have knowledge of God and His word.
 - A. God's word is the truth.
 1. The entire Bible is from God.
 - a. **II Tim. 3:16-17**
 - b. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, {17} that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.
 2. **John 17:17** - Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.
 3. **John 8:31-32** - Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. {32} "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."
 4. **Pr. 23:23** - Buy the truth, and do not sell it, also wisdom and instruction and understanding.
 5. In our society today, the truth is rare.
 - B. God wants us to have that knowledge of the truth.
 1. **I Tim. 2:3-4**
 2. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, {4} who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
 - C. It is the knowledge of the truth that changes lives today.
 1. It changes lives because it contains eternal life.
 - a. **Rom. 1:16** - For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.
 - b. **I Jn 5:13** - These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.
 - c. **John 17:3** - And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.
 2. We have the example of Paul and how knowledge of Christ changed his life.
 - a. He went from persecuting Christians to being the author of many books in the New Testament.
 - b. Knowledge of Christ should change our lives as well.
- II. We get that knowledge by studying the word of God.
 - A. There is a command from God to grow as a Christian.
 1. **II Pet 3:18** - but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and

Savior Jesus Christ.

2. **Heb. 5:12-14**
 3. Paul prayed for the church in Colosse to grow.
 - a. **Col 1:9-10**
 - b. For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; {10} that you may have a walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;
 - B. If we are wise, we will seek knowledge from God.
 1. **Pr. 10:14** - Wise people store up knowledge, but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.
 2. **Pr. 15:14** - The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge, but the mouth of fools feeds on foolishness.
 3. **Pr. 23:12** - Apply your heart to instruction, and your ears to words of knowledge.
 4. This knowledge comes only from studying the word of God.
 - C. We grow for several different reasons.
 1. **II Tim. 2:15** - Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
 2. **II Tim. 3:16-17** - All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, {17} that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.
 3. **I Pet. 3:15** - But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;
 4. We grow to be able to teach others.
 - a. **Heb. 5:12-14**
 - b. **Mk. 16:15** - And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."
 5. We grow to put on the new man.
 - a. **Col. 3:10**
 - b. and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,
- III. If we have that knowledge and do not act upon it, we are worse off than if we had never known of God.
- A. It is one thing to know what to do, it is another thing to do it.
1. Many of us know what to do, but we do not always do it.
 2. Example of speech teachers in college.
 - a. They knew how to be a good speaker, but they were not .
 - b. It is much more serious when it comes to our lives.

3. **Js. 4:17** - Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.
- B. If we know what to do when it comes to our salvation, and do not do it, the end of us is worse than the beginning.
1. **Heb. 10:26-27** - For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, {27} but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.
 2. **II Pet 2:20-21** - For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. {21} For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them.

If we do not apply the knowledge that we have, it is useless to us.

Conclusion:

God's word is truth.

We need to study and obey His word.

If we do not, then our end is worse than our beginning.