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Bible Study #12

KNOWLEDGE

In order for us to grow as Christians, we need to gain knowledge—about God, about His Word, about His plan for us. Knowledge means “the fact or condition of apprehending truth; knowing something with familiarity gained through experience or association.”

Let's begin this study by memorizing Psalm 147:5:

GREAT IS OUR LORD, AND MIGHTY IN HIS POWER; HIS UNDERSTANDING IS INFINITE.

The Bible tells us that God is omniscient. The word *omniscient* means that “God knows all things and is absolutely perfect in knowledge.”

In this study, you will learn about:

- God's knowledge.
- God's Word.
- What God wants us to do when we know Him and His Word.

Remember to pray that the Holy Spirit will help you understand what you are studying. Write out the answers using your own words; do not simply copy the Bible verses.

1. What does Job 37:16 tell us about God's knowledge? _____

2. In Isaiah 45:19, how does the Bible tell us God speaks to us? _____

3. What does the Bible tell us about God's Word? (John 17:17) _____

We see that God's Word is His knowledge and that His knowledge is truth.

4. What does God desire of all people?

(1 Timothy 2:4) _____

5. Once we are saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, what does God desire of us?

(2 Peter 3:18) _____

6. What is the first step in increasing our knowledge of God?

(Proverbs 1:7) _____

To fear means “to have a loving reverence (respect, admiration) for God that includes submission to His Lordship and to the commands of His Word.” If we were to feed our physical bodies only once a week, we would become very malnourished. We would be weak physically and emotionally.

The same principle applies to our spiritual nourishment. If we feed ourselves spiritual food only once a week, we will become spiritually malnourished and unstable. We certainly will not be growing! As Christians, it is essential that we feed ourselves daily on the Word of God and receive His food (knowledge) for our growth.

7. What does 2 Timothy 2:15 tell us to do?

We need to study God’s Word in context to get the balanced perspective of His knowledge for us. Often, God’s knowledge may be distorted by taking it out of context. It is important to study the whole counsel of God from Genesis through Revelation.

Knowledge without love is not good for anything. We need to apply God’s knowledge to our lives to show our love for Him and others. For more on this, see Matthew 22:37–40.

8. Biblical knowledge is not merely the possession of facts. Instead, knowledge and wisdom in the Bible are practical and teach us about godly living. Read Colossians 1:10-12 and answer the following questions.

How should we walk? _____

What will then happen to our knowledge? _____

9. The Bible tells us that as we grow in the knowledge of God we can grow in temperance, which means “self-control.” Self-control is the virtue of someone who masters his desires and passions; restraint exercised over one’s own impulses, emotions, or desires. Do you have self-control through the knowledge of God?

Write out your memory verse below:

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