

Hebrews 6:11-12

Diligent in Knowledge

The writer's desire is that the believers press hard after the full knowledge of God. That full assurance of hope... a certain knowledge of what is promised and what is contained IN that promise. A certain knowledge that God keeps the promises He makes. All of them, no exception. This means that we must know both the promises and the God who made them, for His veracity and power are what allow us to cling to Him so that we hold fast to His promises. We must also be cautioned as we begin, that there is knowledge that comes from the world and often masquerades as truth, it might even contain some fragments of true wisdom, but a partial truth is a whole lie. So we must understand that all true knowledge comes from and gives honor unto God. He ALONE is the author of all truth and wisdom, He ALONE is the source of all true knowledge.

Jeremiah 4:22 (NKJV)

²² “For My people *are* foolish, They have not known Me. They *are* silly children, And they have no understanding. They *are* wise to do evil, But to do good they have no knowledge.”

I. REJECTING KNOWLEDGE

- a. Understand that there IS a rejection of knowledge, for the whole of creation declares the glory of God

Psalm 19. 1-4

- b. Ultimately you will cease being able to recognize knowledge and wisdom when you see it. This is the clown world in which we are living now.

Proverbs 1.20 – 33

- c. The final consequences of this rejection are dire in the extreme, for this is what Paul speaks of in Romans 1

Romans 1.18-32

II. KNOWLEDGE AND LIFE

- a. His Word is the surest guide to truth and wisdom, the knowledge of God.

Proverbs 1.1-7

- b. Wisdom and knowledge grounded in truth is to be chosen above all other things.

Proverbs 8:10–12 (NKJV) ¹⁰ Receive my instruction, and not silver, And knowledge rather than choice gold; ¹¹ For wisdom *is* better than rubies, And all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her. ¹² “I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, And find out knowledge *and* discretion.

- c. True Knowledge is always aimed at knowing God, at understanding of His truth, His nature and His ways.

Proverbs 9:10 (NKJV) ¹⁰ “The fear of the Lord *is* the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One *is* understanding.

- d. Being godly means, in part, being wise. And being wise means that we consistently and diligently seek to **increase** our understanding. We cannot ever just assume that we know enough. We cannot, we will not.

Proverbs 18:15 (NKJV) ¹⁵ The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge, And the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.

- e. The law of atrophy works in spiritual things as well. When we are not growing, we are dying... if we are not learning, we are forgetting.

Proverbs 19:27 (NKJV) ²⁷ Cease listening to instruction, my son, And you will stray from the words of knowledge.

- f. There is true blessing in the pursuit of this knowledge

- i. True Knowledge produces fruitful living
- ii. True knowledge leads to true security

Proverbs 24:4–6 (NKJV) ⁴ By knowledge the rooms are filled With all precious and pleasant riches. ⁵ A wise man *is* strong, Yes, a man of knowledge increases strength; ⁶ For by wise counsel you will wage your own war, And in a multitude of counselors *there is* safety.

- iii. True Knowledge gives life

Ecclesiastes 7:11–12 (NKJV) ¹¹ Wisdom *is* good with an inheritance, And profitable to those who see the sun. ¹² For wisdom *is* a defense *as* money *is* a defense, But the excellence of knowledge *is that* wisdom gives life to those who have it.

- iv. True Knowledge sought by a people as a whole brings peace to their land

Isaiah 33:5–6 (NKJV) ⁵ The Lord is exalted,
for He dwells on high; He has filled Zion
with justice and righteousness. ⁶ Wisdom
and knowledge will be the stability of your
times, *And* the strength of salvation; The
fear of the Lord *is* His treasure.

- v. But it is important to note that this is God's to give or withhold as He pleases. Knowledge sought for its own sake or for its rewards apart from knowing God becomes idolatry, and is itself a trap

Isaiah 47.8-11

III. KNOWLEDGE AND REPENTANCE

- a. God will bless those who turn from sin and seek Him. This is the true aim of all knowledge, to be rightly connected in fellowship with God

Hosea 6.1-6

- b. Note that we are invited and called to turn unto Him for the healing we so desperately need. There is no hope in any other, but in Christ alone we find the promise of healing and the promise of forgiveness and the promise of acceptance in Him

Matthew 11.25-30