

Learning It To Live It

I. Introduction:

A. Knowledge has always been of great importance among the children of God (**Proverbs 23:12, Hosea 4:1-6, Hosea 6:6, Romans 10:1-3, and II Peter 3:15-18**).

1. It is a shameful thing for Christians to lack knowledge (**I Corinthians 15:34**).
2. It simply is not good to be without knowledge (**Proverbs 19:2**).
3. Not that knowledge is always pleasant (**Ecclesiastes 1:18**).

B. Thinking about learning and obtaining knowledge (**Proverbs 23:12**).

1. We are not just talking about learning, as learning doesn't always equate to knowledge (**II Timothy 3:7**).
2. As we often remind ourselves of, knowledge can also lead to being puffed up (**I Corinthians 8:1**) which can be dangerous even when it comes to our brethren and their liberties (**I Corinthians 8:2-13**).
3. To get it right, look at learning as the key to knowing how to please God (**I Thessalonians 4:1-5**).

II. Body: It Is MORE About What You Do/Do Not Do Than What You Know (**Romans 2:1-13** and **James 1:21-27; 3:13**).

A. Consider what Jesus taught about being a doer (**Matthew 7:21-27**).

1. Consider the links between grace, peace, growth, and being fruitful in Christ (**II Peter 1:1-12**).
2. Who has a good understanding (**Psalms 111:10**)?
3. Jesus taught so the hearer would go and do (**Luke 10:25-37**).
4. Learn, think, act (**Psalms 119:57-60**).
5. Remember, faith without actions is dead (**James 2:14-26**).

B. He that DOETH righteousness (**I John 2:29; 3:7**).

1. How often (**Psalms 106:3**)?
2. As priests (**I Peter 2:5-9** and **Revelation 1:4-6**), consider a loose application from **Psalms 132:9**.
3. Doing righteousness is deliverance (**Proverbs 11:6**) opposed to being lost (**Romans 1:18** and **II Thessalonians 2:10**).

C. We don't learn just to enter into useless Scriptural discussions (**I Timothy 4:7, I Timothy 6:20, and II Timothy 2:14-16**).

1. We know there is a time and various circumstances wherein we need to be ready to give answer (**Proverbs 22:20-21, Colossians 4:5-6, I Peter 3:14-17, Jude 1:3-4, etc.**).
2. Yet, we know there are other times wherein we should not answer (**Matthew 7:1-6, Matthew 10:11-15, Acts 18:5-6, Romans 16:17-18, I Timothy 1:3-7, II Timothy 2:23, Titus 3:9-11, etc.**).

- D. The right knowledge is very useful if used aright (**Proverbs 15:2**)...
1. Keep us from erring (**Mark 12:18-27**).
 2. To be a disciple, free in Christ (**John 8:31-32**).
 3. The proper way to view tribulation (**Romans 5:1-3** and **James 1:1-4**).
 4. Motivation to reveal Christ to others (**II Corinthians 5:11**).
 5. Fruitful in every good work as we increase in knowledge (**Colossians 1:10**). **Context (**Colossians 1:9-11**) is about the spiritual gift of knowledge (cf. **I Corinthians 12:8; 13:8**).*
 6. Being renewed (**Colossians 3:10**).
 7. Keeps us from the vengeance of God (**II Thessalonians 1:7-9**).
 8. To be wise unto salvation, equipped unto every good work (**II Timothy 3:14-17**).
 9. Not following in the steps of those that erred in the past (**Hebrews 3:7-10**; cf. **Romans 15:4** and **I Corinthians 10:1-13**).
 10. Having good marriages (**I Peter 3:7**).
 11. Understanding that what we face as saints is not uncommon (**I Peter 5:8-9**).
 12. Escaping the pollutions of the world (**II Peter 2:20**).
 13. Confidence in the reward (**I John 5:13; 5:20**).
 14. ... And so much more (**Proverbs 2:1-16, Proverbs 11:9, Proverbs 17:27-28, Proverbs 24:5**, etc., etc., etc.).

III. Conclusion: When you know, you'd better do (**James 4:13-17**).