

Using The Knowledge You Have Obtained

I. Introduction: People with zero spiritual knowledge refer to things as “useless information”.

A. Learning/teaching is primarily need based (**Jude 1:1-4**).

1. It comes down to whether or not learning this or that is relevant and profitable (**Acts 20:20**).

2. Can you USE the knowledge you are gaining (**Romans 2:13**)?

B. Not all “Bible study” or “Bible questions” are profitable. For example, genealogies were once very important (**Nehemiah 7:5; 7:64**).

1. When you come to the New Testament, they are profitable when it comes to recognizing the promises of God were kept by bring Christ through the bloodline of Abraham, David, etc. (**Matthew 1:1-25**).

2. However, beyond that, there is not much profit in such studies (**Titus 3:9**).

3. What are the necessary things for you to learn (i.e. **Acts 15:22-31**)?

4. Our Lord’s word is for us to “live by” (**Luke 4:4**).

II. Body: A Good Understanding Have All They That Do (**Psalms 111:10**).

A. Being a doer and not a hearer only (**Deuteronomy 4:1-6** and **James 1:18-27**).

1. Jesus didn’t teach and leave knowledge without expectation of use. He taught, “this do... Go and do” (**Luke 10:25-37**).

2. The disciples needed to learn about service and humility (**Mark 9:33-37** and **Luke 22:24-30**). So, Jesus taught such and told them, “if ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them” (**John 13:1-17**).

3. Remember, our Lord is interested in seeing our living of His word, rather than just how much we study it (**Luke 6:46**).

B. Learning with the goal of proper application requires taking the time to test [last week’s lesson] and meditate upon what you’re learning (**Psalms 119:15-16**).

1. While with some things there is an urgency (**Psalms 119:57-60** and **II Corinthians 6:1-2**), don’t act with too much haste (**Proverbs 19:2**).

2. The right desire to learn, grow, and apply (**I Peter 2:1-2** and **II Peter 3:18**) must be coupled with handling the truth aright (**II Timothy 2:14-18**).

C. Using knowledge aright (**Proverbs 15:2**).

1. Think about this as one, of many, thoughts: **I Corinthians 8:1-13**

2. Whatsoever ye say and do (**Colossians 3:16-17**).

3. When you examine your actions, does your conduct show that you have the right knowledge and that you use it wisely (**James 3:13**)?

III. Conclusion: Remember, during the days of Ezekiel, what we learned about the erring children of Israel and their “learning” (**Ezekiel 33:30-33**).