

Oh that I may know Him

Php 3:8-11 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ **3:9** and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; **3:10** **that I may know Him** and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, **Php 3:11** if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead

- Yearning, craving, desire (Paul's example)
- Goal
- Pearl of Great Price (Christ)

Know ...G1097 ginōskō = be aware (of), feel, (have) knowledge, perceive, be sure, understand



Recently ... I spent time in a course dealing with the concept that we cannot Know God because He is Too Far above us and He cannot be discerned by our 5 senses?!?

Today ... I want to focus on some of the awesome things **we know**

- New Christians may not know all of these things yet ... but they will as they grow!
- The unconverted do not know these things
- **Scripture** provides us clues to things we know & for long time Christians, we need to pause to appreciate the knowledge that God has granted to us -- It is more than "oh ya, I know THAT ... It's no big Deal! It IS a big deal to those that don't know

Today ... Let's Begin a Quest ... What do we Know (G1097)?

Matt 13:11

He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to **know** the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.

Luke 8:10

And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.'

What are some of these Mysteries we know about the Kingdom? (show of hands)

- People Keeping the Feast have heard of many of these things

- Kingdom – King
- Territory – earth (not heaven)
- Subjects –
- Laws
- What else do we know of these mysteries? Context = Parables of the Kingdom
 - Parable of Sower – we know different responses to Gospel – different soil
 - Parable of mustard seed & Leaven – we know the kingdom starts small – grows large
 - Parable of the tares (weeds) – we know not everyone in the church is grain – some are weeds ... and we may grow together until the harvest
 - Parable of the Hidden treasure in the field & Pearl of Great Price
 - Parable of the Net – Good and bad things caught will be sorted
- We know Paul had a special calling ... A special guy!



Act 22:12-15 "Then a certain Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good testimony with all the Jews who dwelt there,

Act 22:13 came to me; and he stood and said to me, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight.' And at that same hour I looked up at him.

Acts 22:14

Then he said, 'The God of our fathers has chosen you that you should **know** His will, and see the Just One, and hear the voice of His mouth. **Act 22:15** For you will be His witness to all men of what you have seen and heard.

- How do we know hidden things?

1Co 2:12-13 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might **know the things** that have been freely given to us by God.

1Co 2:13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

16 SPIRITUAL GIFTS LISTS

(Romans 12, Ephesians 4 & Corinthians 12)

Administration /

Ruling

Apostleship /

Pioneering

Discernment

Encouraging /

Exhorting

Evangelism

Faith

Giving

Hospitality

Knowledge

Leadership

Pastor / Shepherding

Prophecy /

Perceiving

Teaching

Serving / Ministry

Showing Mercy

Wisdom

Gal 5 fruit = love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

- Paul writes “doosie” run on sentences ... Like this one...

Eph 3:14-19 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Eph 3:15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

Eph 3:16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be **strengthened with might through His Spirit** in the inner man,

Eph 3:17 that **Christ may dwell in your hearts** through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

Eph 3:18 may be able to **comprehend** with all the saints what is the **width and length and depth and height**—

Eph 3:19 to **know the love of Christ** which **passes knowledge**; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

- The Spirit helps us know the **Love of God** -- we are not “pets” or “ants” to God
- **Spirit is mechanism for us to be filled with the fullness of god**

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- Christians Know (faith & works are important) It’s not “either / or” (like Nature or nurture)

James 2:20

But do you want to **know**, O foolish man, that **faith without works** is dead?

Mat 7:12-14 Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Mat 7:13 "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.

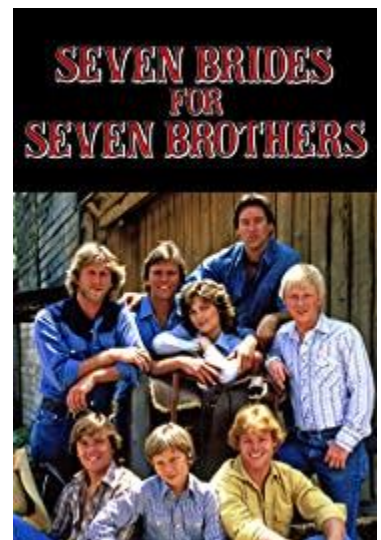
Mat 7:14 Because **narrow** is the gate and **difficult** is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Luk 20:33-36 Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife does she become? For all seven had her as wife."

Luk 20:34 Jesus answered and said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage.

Luk 20:35 But those who are **counted worthy** to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage;

Luk 20:36 nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.



- Back to the beginning we see something that God Knows (that man did not)

Gen 3:5

For **God knows** that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, **knowing** good and evil.”

Gen 3:22

Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to **know good and evil**. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”—

- Knowing good & evil is part of mankind becoming more like God
- Did Abram “doubt God?”



Gen 15:5- 15 Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them."

And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

Gen 15:6 And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

Gen 15:7 Then He said to him, "I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it."

Gen 15:8 And he said, "Lord GOD, how shall I **know** that I will inherit it?"

Gen 15:9 So He said to him, "Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon."

Gen 15:10 Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.

Gen 15:11 And when the vultures came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

Gen 15:12 Now when the sun was going down, a **deep sleep** fell upon Abram; and behold, horror and great darkness fell upon him.

Gen 15:13 Then He said to Abram: "**Know certainly** that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years.

Gen 15:14 And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions.

Gen 15:15 Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age.

- Are there things God does not Know? ...

Gen 22:12 - And He said, “Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for **now I know** that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.”

- Are their times when we doubt that *God sees* our challenges?

Exod 3:7 - And the LORD said: “I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and **have heard** their cry because of their taskmasters, for **I know** their sorrows.

- **We Know** God rescues his people

Exod 6:7

I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. **Then you shall know** that I am the LORD your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.



- We know lessons of God that Christianity has long forgotten (Because of Holy Days)

Lev 23:42-43 You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All who are native Israelites shall dwell in booths, that your generations may **know** that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.' "

- We know sometimes God Powerfully supports His leaders

Num 16:28

And Moses said: “By this you shall **know** that the LORD has sent me to do all these works, for I have not done them of my own will.

Num 16:31-32 Now it came to pass, as he finished speaking all these words, that the ground split apart under them, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households and all the men with Korah, with all their goods.

- We know *God alone is God* (a Theme of Deuteronomy!)

Deut 4:35

To you it was shown, that you might know that the LORD Himself is God; there is none other besides Him.

Deut 4:39

Therefore know this day, and consider it in your heart, that the LORD Himself is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other.

Deut 7:9

“Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

- We know Ruth's reputation

Ruth 3:11

And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you request, for all the people of my town know that you are a virtuous woman.

- We know David was a great warrior & leader (for YEARS historians had "no evidence" David existed!?!)

2 Sam 17:10

And even he who is valiant, whose heart is like the heart of a lion, will melt completely. For all Israel knows that your father is a mighty man, and those who are with him are valiant men.

- We know God's temple was a creation so the world would know and respect God

1Ki 8:37 "When there is famine in the land, pestilence or blight or mildew, locusts or grasshoppers; when their enemy besieges them in the land of their cities; whatever plague or whatever sickness there is;

1Ki 8:38 whatever prayer, whatever supplication is made by anyone, or by all Your people Israel, when **each one knows the plague of his own heart**, and spreads out his hands toward this temple:

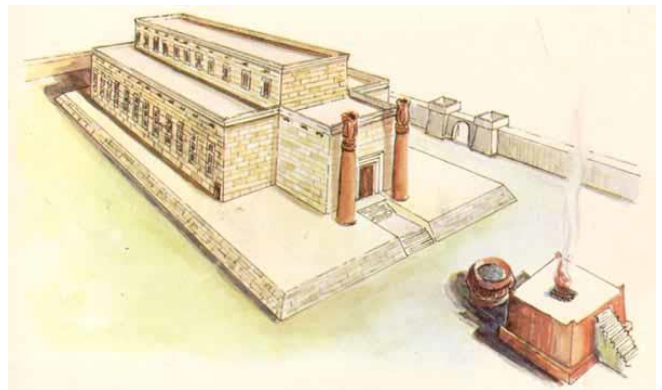
1Ki 8:39 then hear in heaven Your dwelling place, and forgive, and act, and give to everyone according to all his ways, **whose heart You know** (for You alone **know** the hearts of all the sons of men),

1Ki 8:40 that they may fear You all the days that they live in the land which You gave to our fathers.

1Ki 8:41 "Moreover, concerning a foreigner, who is not of Your people Israel, but has come from a far country for Your name's sake

1Ki 8:42 (for they will hear of Your great name and Your strong hand and Your outstretched arm), when he comes and prays toward this temple,

1Ki 8:43 hear in heaven Your dwelling place, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to You, that **all peoples of the earth may know Your name and fear You**, as do Your people Israel, and that they may know that this temple which I have built is called by Your name.



- We know Individuals are convicted by God's Miracles in their lives

1 Kings 17:24 Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now **by this I know** that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in **your** mouth is the **truth**."

2Ki 5:17-18 So Naaman said, "Then, if not, please let your servant be given two mule-loads of earth; for your servant will no longer offer either burnt offering or sacrifice to other gods, but to the LORD.

2Ki 5:18 Yet in this thing may the LORD pardon your servant: when my master goes into the temple of Rimmon to worship there, and he leans on my hand, and I bow down in the temple of Rimmon—when I bow down in the temple of Rimmon, may the LORD please pardon your servant in this thing."

- Job tells us of some things we know ... or lack

Job 8:9 For we were born yesterday, and **know** nothing, Because our days on earth are a shadow.

Job 11:11 For He **knows** deceitful men; He sees wickedness also. Will He not then consider it?



Job 13:23 How many are my iniquities and sins? Make me **know** my transgression and my sin.

Job 36:26 “Behold, God is great, and we do not **know** Him; Nor can the number of His years be discovered.

Job 38:18 Have you comprehended the breadth of the earth? Tell Me, if you **know** all this.

Job 38:21 Do you **know** it, because you were born then, Or because the number of your days is great?

Job 38:33 Do you **know** the ordinances of the heavens? Can you set their dominion over the earth?

Job 39:1 “Do you **know** the time when the wild mountain goats bear young? Or can you mark when the deer gives birth?

Job 42:2 “I **know** that You can do everything, And that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You.

Job 42:3 You asked, ‘Who is this who hides counsel without knowledge?’ Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, Things too wonderful for me, which I did not **know**.

- When we sing psalms, what does THAT remind us of what we Know? **Wisdom Books**

Ps 1:6

For the LORD **knows** the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Ps 4:3

But **know** that the LORD has set apart for Himself him who is godly; The LORD will hear when I call to Him.

Ps 9:20

Put them in fear, O LORD, That the nations may **know** themselves to be but men. Selah

Ps 20:6

Now I **know** that the LORD saves His anointed; He will answer him from His holy heaven With the saving strength of His right hand.

Ps 36:10

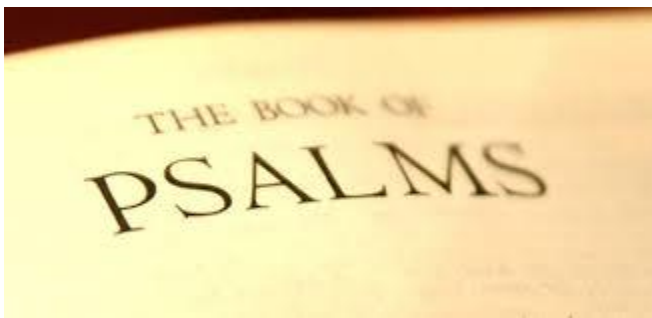
Oh, continue Your lovingkindness to those who **know** You, And Your righteousness to the upright in heart.

Ps 37:18

The LORD knows the days of the upright, And their inheritance shall be forever.

Ps 39:4

“LORD, make me to **know** my end, And what is the measure of my days, That I may **know** how frail I am.



Ps 44:21

Would not God search this out? For He **knows** the secrets of the heart.

Ps 46:10

Be still, and **know** that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

Ps 59:13

Consume them in wrath, consume them, That they may not be; And let them **know** that God rules in Jacob To the ends of the earth. Selah

Ps 73:11

And they say, “How does God **know**? And is there **knowledge** in the Most High?”

Ps 83:18 That they may know that You, whose name alone is the LORD, Are the Most High over all the earth.

Ps 94:11

The LORD **knows** the thoughts of man, That they are futile.

Ps 100:3

Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Ps 103:14

For He **knows** our frame; He remembers that we are dust.

Ps 139:2

You **know** my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off.

Ps 139:4

For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.

Ps 139:23

Search me, O God, and **know** my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties;

Ps 140:12

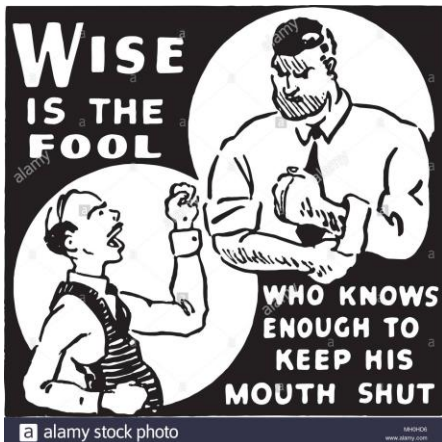
I **know** that the LORD will maintain The cause of the afflicted, And justice for the poor.

Ps 143:8

Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning, For in You do I trust; Cause me to **know** the way in which I should walk, For I lift up my soul to You.

Prov 27:1 (Pastor Adrian "God Willing")

Do not boast about tomorrow, For you do not **know** what a day may bring forth.



Eccles 2:19

And who **knows** whether he will be wise or a fool? ...

Eccles 3:12

I **know** that nothing is better for them than to rejoice, and to do good in their lives,

Eccles 3:14

I **know** that whatever God does, It shall be forever. Nothing can be added to it, And nothing taken from it. God does it, that men should fear before Him.

Eccles 3:21 Who knows the spirit of the sons of men, which goes upward, and the spirit of the animal, which goes down to the earth?

Eccles 5:1

Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools, for they **do not know** that they do evil.

Eccles 8:12

Though a sinner does evil a hundred times, and his days are prolonged, yet I surely know that it will be well with those who fear God, who fear before Him.

Eccles 8:17

then I saw all the work of God, that a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun. For though a man labors to discover it, yet he will not find it; moreover, though a wise man attempts to know it, he will not be able to find it.

Eccles 9:5 For the living **know** that they will die; But the dead know nothing, And they have no more reward, For the memory of them is forgotten.



Eccles 11:6

In the morning sow your seed, And in the evening do not withhold your hand; For you do not **know** which will prosper, Either this or that, Or whether both alike will be good.

Eccles 11:9

Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, And let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth; Walk in the ways of your heart, And in the sight of your eyes; But know that for all these God will bring you into judgment.

Ecc 12:13-14 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.

- Knowing can be a process (Prophets knowing)

Isa 41:20

That they may see and **know**, And consider and **understand** together, That the hand of the LORD has done this, And the Holy One of Israel has created it.

- We know the future ... by studying the past

Isa 41:22 “Let them bring forth and show us what will happen; Let them show the former things, what they were, That we may consider them, And know the latter end of them; Or declare to us things to come.

- Jer has some of the most insightful & powerful words about our knowledge

Jer 9:3

“And like their bow they have bent their tongues for lies. They are not valiant for the truth on the earth. For they proceed from evil to evil, And they do not know Me,” says the LORD.

Jer 9:23-24 Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the LORD.



Jer 10:23

O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps.

Jer 17:9

“The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?”

- Knowing God requires a new heart

Jer 24:7 Then I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am the LORD; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God, for they shall return to Me with their whole heart.

Jer 31:34

No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘**Know** the LORD,’ for they all shall **know** Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

Ezek 2:5

As for them, whether they hear or whether they refuse—for they are a rebellious house—yet they will know that a prophet has been among them.

Ezek 7:9

‘My eye will not spare, Nor will I have pity; I will repay you according to your ways, And your abominations will be in your midst. Then you shall know that I am the LORD who strikes.

Ezek 16:62

And I will establish My covenant with you. Then you shall know that I am the LORD,

Ezek 20:12

Moreover I also gave them My Sabbaths, to be a sign between them and Me, that they might know that I am the LORD who sanctifies them.

Ezek 20:20

hallow My Sabbaths, and they will be a sign between Me and you, that you may know that I am the LORD your God.’

Ezek 20:42

Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I bring you into the land of Israel, into the country for which I raised My hand in an oath to give to your fathers.

Ezek 20:44

Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have dealt with you for My name’s sake, not according to your wicked ways nor according to your corrupt doings, O house of Israel,” says the Lord GOD.’ ”

Ezek 28:26

And they will dwell safely there, build houses, and plant vineyards; yes, they will dwell securely, when I execute judgments on all those around them who despise them. Then they shall know that I am the LORD their God.” ’ ”

Ezek 33:29

Then they shall know that I am the LORD, when I have made the land most desolate because of all their abominations which they have committed.” ’

Ezek 33:33 And when this comes to pass—surely it will come—then they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

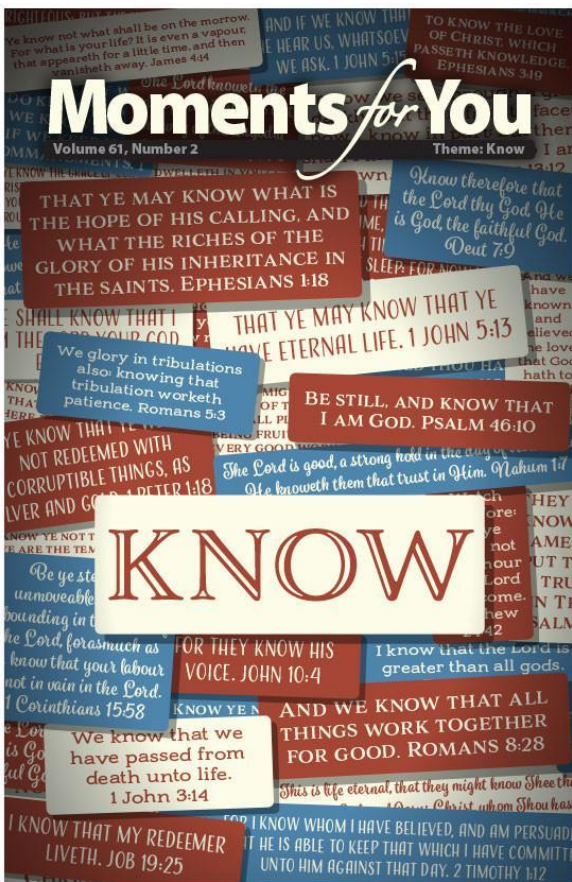
Ezek 37:6 I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the LORD.” ’ ”

Ezek 37:13 Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves.

Ezek 37:14 I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it and performed it,” says the LORD.’ ”

Ezek 37:28 The nations also will know that I, the LORD, sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forevermore.” ’ ”





Things we Don't know!

Acts 1:7

And He said to them, "It is **not for you to know** times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.

1 Cor 2:14

But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor **can he know** them, because they are spiritually discerned.

1Co 2:16 ... But **we have** the mind of Christ.

- Paul clarifies Knowledge is not "everything" -- Counterintuitive

1Co 8:1-2 Now concerning things offered to idols:

We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies. 1 Cor 8:2 And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet

as he ought to know.

Knowledge "alone" ... It is not safe to rely on such a guide. Mere knowledge, or science, when the heart is not right, fills with pride; swells a man with vain self-confidence and reliance in his own powers, and very often leads him entirely astray. Knowledge combined with right feelings, with pure principles, with a heart filled with love to God and human beings, may be trusted: but not mere intellectual attainments; mere abstract science; the mere cultivation of the intellect.



- Scripture Speaks **Knowledge & understand & Wis**

Pro 2:2-6 So that you incline your ear to **wisdom**, And apply your heart to **understanding**;

Pro 2:3 Yes, if you cry out for discernment, And lift up your voice for **understanding**,

Pro 2:4 If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures;

Pro 2:5 Then you will **understand** the fear of the

LORD, And find the **knowledge** of God.

Pro 2:6 For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding;

wis·dom

/ˈwɪzdəm/ 

noun

the quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgment; the quality of being wise.

un·der·stand·ing

/ˌʌndərˈstændɪŋ/ 

noun

1. the ability to understand something; comprehension.

knowl·edge

/ˈnɔːləʒ/ 

noun

1. facts, information, and skills acquired by a person through experience or education; the theoretical or practical understanding of a subject.

Isa_11:2 The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

Hos 6:3 Let us know, Let us pursue the knowledge of the LORD. His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, Like the latter and former rain to the earth.

- Study God's Word
- Appreciate all God has granted us to know
- Turn knowledge into Understanding and then wisdom in all we do
- Like Paul ... We can Yearn to know all God has revealed to us in Scripture