

Building Blocks Of Faith: A Knowledge That Inspires Doing!

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2 Peter 1:3, *His divine power has given us everything we need for a Godly life through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. 4 Through these He has given us His very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. 5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. 8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins. 10 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, 11 and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

2 Peter 1:5, *For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge...*

Definitions: "Knowledge = Gr. Gnosis"

"Gnosis" refers to experiential knowledge and not merely to a passing acquaintance.

"Gnosis" is functional ("working") knowledge gleaned from first hand (personal) experience, thus connecting "theory" with "application."

“Gnosis” is “application knowledge” and thus it is not surprising that it grows best in the “field” of obedience.

Biblical Knowledge (Gr. Gnosis) = “KNOWING & DOING!”

John 7:17, *Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own.*

Quotes:

True spiritual gnosis or knowledge is going to govern the way you live. True spiritual gnosis is going to keep your conscience pure and out of your conscience flow your convictions and out of your convictions flow your lifestyle. — Barber

Gnosis speaks of a practical knowledge that admits of expansion and enables its possessor to discern between right and wrong in facing the duties of life. In order to maintain a balance, practical intelligence and moral insight must govern a resolute and aggressive faith. — Hiebert

Do we have a desire to learn more about the Bible for reasons other than to know God better and to live as He wants us to? God doesn't ask us to increase our knowledge for the sake of knowledge. He asks us to increase our understanding so that we can grow into God-centered, loving, productive people.

— DeHaan

“Knowledge is indispensable to Christian life and service.” — John Stott

Matthew 25:23, *“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’*

James 3:17, *But the wisdom that comes from Heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit...*

How To Grow A “Knowing And Doing” Faith:

1 - Pray And Ask God For WISDOM & KNOWLEDGE

James 1:5, *If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.*

Philippians 3:12, *Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*

2 - Commit To Do YOUR PART

-Read One Chapter Of The Bible Every Day

Psalm 119:105, *Your Word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.*

-Spend Time With Biblically Wise People

Proverbs 15:22, *Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.*

-Repeat What You Know Without Being Proudful

1 Corinthians 8:1, *...We know that "We all possess knowledge." But knowledge puffs up while love builds up.*

-Put Your Knowledge Into Practice - Do Something!

Colossians 1:9, *...We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, 10 so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God...*

3 - Believe God Can And Will USE YOU

Luke 2:52, *And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.*

1 Samuel 2:26, *And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the Lord and with people.*

Philemon 1:11, *Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.*

Three Action Steps As We Begin Building Our Faith:

1 - Make a commitment to be in Worship for the next 6 weeks.
(Saturday 5:00p, Sunday 9:30a, 11:00a, or Online)

2 - Join a Group — Life Groups meet on campus Sunday mornings or Home Groups meet throughout the week. Go to the Connections Center for more information.

3 - Commit to use your Biblical Knowledge to do something for God!