

**2Peter 1:5-8** *“But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*  
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**EVER INCREASING KNOWLEDGE**

# The Beginning of Knowledge

- **Pro 1:7** *"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction."*
- **Pro 2:1-5** *"My son, if you receive my words, And treasure my commands within you, So that you incline your ear to wisdom, And apply your heart to understanding; Yes, if you cry out for discernment, And lift up your voice for understanding, If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures; Then you will understand the fear of the Lord, And find the knowledge of God."*
- **1 Cor 1:18-31 & 3:18-23** ~ Human wisdom or knowledge or high IQ's will never be able to boast before God. Everyone who glories will glory in the Lord.

# The Soul without Knowledge

- Without the knowledge of God people will walk in the way that leads to destruction.
- **Pro 19:2** *"Also it is not good for a soul to be without knowledge, And he sins who hastens with his feet."*
- **Isaiah 5:13** *"Therefore my people have gone into captivity, Because they have no knowledge; Their honorable men are famished, And their multitude dried up with thirst."*
- **Hosea 4:1** *"Hear the word of the Lord, You children of Israel, For the Lord brings a charge against the inhabitants of the land: 'There is no truth or mercy Or knowledge of God in the land.'"*
- **Hosea 4:6** *"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. ..."*
- **Romans 1:28-32**

# The Advantage of Knowledge

- The person with knowledge doesn't get to avoid grief or trouble, life happens to the wise and foolish alike. However, the advantage of knowledge is that it gives life to those who have it.
- **Eccl 1:18** *"For in much wisdom is much grief, And he who increases knowledge increases sorrow."*
- **Eccl 2:13-14** *"Then I saw that wisdom excels folly As light excels darkness. The wise man's eyes are in his head, But the fool walks in darkness. Yet I myself perceived That the same event happens to them all."*
- **Eccl 7:11-12** *"Wisdom is good with an inheritance, And profitable to those who see the sun. 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."*

# The Value of Knowledge

- **Pro 8:10-11** *"Receive my instruction, and not silver, And knowledge rather than choice gold; For wisdom is better than rubies, And all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her."*
- **Psalms 19:7-11** *"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward."*
- **Phil 3:8** *"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"*

# Grow In Knowledge

- **Col 1:9** *"For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;"*
- **2 Peter 3:14-18** *"Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures. You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen."*

# Growing In Christ

- **Eph 4:11-15** *"And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—"*
- **Rom 12:2** *"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."*