Be Transformed By Knowledge

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INTRODUCTION

- Probably the most important question I could ask you about the Bible is how often do you use it?
- In addition to acquiring virtue, we also have to acquire knowledge. We got to have virtue and knowledge from the word of God.

1 So That We Can Know God and Ourselves

2 Peter 1:3; Genesis 1:26; John 12:48

- We should never pursue knowledge for arrogant, prideful, and selfish reasons.
- Seeing that his divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness through the true knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and excellence.
- The Bible tells us that we are the product and the result and the handiwork of God.
- Only one standard is going to count when we stand before God on that day. It's going to be his word.

2 To Know How to Please God and Defend Our Faith

Colossians 1:9–10; 2 Peter 2; 1 Peter 3:15

- We need knowledge because through knowledge we know how to please God.
- That you may be filled with the knowledge of his will and all spiritual wisdom and understanding.
- So that we can be equipped to defend our faith against false teachers, false teachers in the church and outside the church.
- Always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence.

3 So We Can Teach Others

2 Timothy 2:24; Matthew 28:19–20; Ephesians 6:4

- The Lord's bondservant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all. Able to teach. Patient when wrong.
- Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- We have a duty to teach the lost. We have a duty to teach our kids.
- We can't teach somebody what we don't know, what we don't know ourselves.

4 So We Can Increase Our Faith and Grow

Hebrews 11:6; 1 Peter 2:2

- Without faith. It is impossible to please God. For he who comes to God must believe that he is and that he's a rewarder of those who diligently seek him.
- We need knowledge so we can grow our faith.

- Each and every day we start looking more and more like our Father and his Son Jesus Christ.
- Like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may Grow.

5 How Do We Get It: Opportunities and Daily Bible Reading

Acts 17:11

- We gotta take advantage of opportunities that are before us when it comes to group studies.
- Bible classes provide a wonderful opportunity to grow in knowledge.
- They received the Word of God with great eagerness and examine the scriptures daily.
- We got to invest ourselves to reading and studying the Bible every single day.

6 A Spiritual Library, Good Listening, Spiritual Conversations

2 Timothy 4:13; Romans 10:17; Luke 8:8

- There's nothing wrong with investing in a good spiritual library.
- Faith comes by hearing. Hearing by the word of God.
- When the word of God is being preached, we gotta listen carefully because that helps us in our knowledge.
- As young people, we would be wise to seek these people out and ask them questions and talk with them and listen and engage in spiritual conversations.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Let's keep seeking more. Let's never be content. Let's get more. Let's be humble. Let's strip ourselves of pride and ego and keep learning. Be lifelong students of the word of God.**

MY NOTES