

Series: Seven Additions to Faith

Title: Knowledge

Text: 2 Peter 1:1-10

Introduction

The word "knowledge" comes from the Greek noun *gnōsis*, which means to seek after a deeper understanding of spiritual truths.

1. We learn the ways of Christ by investigating and studying God's _____.
2. One way is to review the lessons God has already taught you through your personal _____.
3. It also helps to ask other _____ Christians how they handle difficult struggles.
4. Without knowledge, virtue can become _____ zeal or even wild fanaticism.
5. Paul was an example of virtue without knowledge and demonstrated it can actually _____ your perception of God.
6. Virtue without knowledge is belief without proper _____.

I. Spiritual Knowledge

7. _____ knowledge is developed based on our experience, environment, background, and training.
8. God has designed that our evaluation of the natural world should become a _____ into spiritual knowledge.
9. Because of sin, a distorted view of natural knowledge causes us to disregard God's perspective in favor of our own _____ view.

10. A _____ study of the natural world should always lead us to discover the spiritual world.
11. Spiritual knowledge _____ natural knowledge
12. Proper spiritual knowledge reveals the _____ that God places upon all of creation and especially all of humanity.

II. Holy Spirit Directed Knowledge

13. When He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will _____ you into all truth. (John 16:13)
14. Now we have received the Spirit who is from God, that we might _____ the things that have been freely given to us by God. (1 Cor 2:12)
15. The _____ person does not accept the teaching of the Holy Spirit because it seems foolish to them.
16. Paul says, "We have the _____ of Christ."

III. A Supernatural Word of Knowledge

17. A supernatural word of knowledge is a small part of God's infinite knowledge, which the Holy Spirit supernaturally _____ for ministry of a specific task or purpose in the will of God.
18. A Word of knowledge is something _____ by the Holy Spirit.
19. The purpose of Holy Spirit knowledge is to instruct, _____ and cause people to know and do the will of God.
20. Natural knowledge is received by natural means through the _____ - _____ world we live in.

21. Spiritual knowledge is acquired by studying the Word of God under the _____ of the Holy Spirit.
22. A word of knowledge reveals specific facts and information to _____ and help someone.
23. You can't rely upon supernatural gifts of knowledge to _____ the Christian life!
24. The greatest source of knowledge is the _____ Word of God, the Bible.
25. When we become Christians, we study the Bible and begin to _____ with the mind of Christ.
26. Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that doesn't need to be ashamed, because you rightly _____ the word of truth. (2 Tim 2:15)

Conclusion

27. Whether it's natural or spiritual knowledge, you've got to _____ if you intend to increase your understanding.
28. It is our choice and _____ to develop and renew our minds through studying and applying the scriptures.
29. God will not take you any _____ than you are willing to go.
30. We need to have a _____ to be used of God in spiritual ministry.

Peter challenges us to learn and know the true source of all wisdom and knowledge and apply ourselves to studying and understanding the scriptures under the tutelage of the Holy Spirit.

Answers:

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| 1. Word | 12. value | 22. encourage |
| 2. experiences | 13. guide | 23. live |
| 3. mature | 14. know | 24. revealed |
| 4. misdirected | 15. carnal | 25. think |
| 5. pervert | 16. mind | 26. divide |
| 6. direction | 17. reveals | 27. study |
| 7. Natural | 18. specific | 28. listen |
| 8. springboard | 19. edify | 29. responsibility |
| 9. humanistic | 20. sense- | 30. further |
| 10. proper | dominated | 31. desire |
| 11. transcends | 21. inspiration | |

QUESTIONS FOR MEDITATION

1. Has a lack of knowledge ever led you to exercise virtue in the wrong way? How would better knowledge beforehand affected your actions in this situation?
2. Has the Holy Spirit ever given you insight into a situation that you would have never had using solely natural knowledge? How did it affect your attitude in that situation?
3. Has anyone ever shared with you a "Word of Knowledge" from the Holy Spirit? Was it accurate? How did it affect you?