

Adding Knowledge to Virtue / Study Knowledge Yourself

The desire for excellence comes from the Spirit of God and through the Word.

Epignosis /

Knowledge of Christ / Source of Truth

- [Romans 3:20](#) / For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.
- [Romans 10:2](#) / For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.
- [Eph 1:17](#) / that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,
- [1 Tim 2:4](#) / who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- [2 Tim 2:25](#) / correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth,
- [Tit 1:1](#) / Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness,
- [2 Cor 8:7](#) / But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.
- [Col 2:3](#) / in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
- [Philippians 3:8](#) / Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ
- Others / [Luke 1:77](#) / [Rom 11:33](#) / [2 Cor 2:14](#) / [2 Cor 6:6](#) / [2 Cor 11:6](#) / [2 Peter 3:18](#) /

Not All Knowledge is True or Deep Knowledge /

- [1 Tim 6:20](#) / O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called “knowledge,”
- [1 Cor 2:5](#) / so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.
- [1 Cor 2:6-7](#) / Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.
- [1 Cor 2:13](#) / And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.
- [1 Cor 3:19](#) / For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their craftiness,”

- [2 Cor 1:12](#) / For our boast is this, the testimony of our conscience, that we behaved in the world with simplicity and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God, and supremely so toward you.

It is One of the Means of Our Maturation and Growth / Not the totality though...

- [Eph 4:13](#) / until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,
- [Col 1:9-10](#) / And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;
- [Col 3:10](#) / and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.
- [Phm 6](#) / and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.
- [2 Peter 2:20](#) / For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,
- [Rom 15:14](#) / I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another.
- Others / [1 Cor 1:5](#) /

The Knowledge of Christ leads to Love / And NEEDS TO /

- [Phil 1:9](#) / And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve of what is excellent...
- [Col 2:2](#) / that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ,
- [1 Cor 8:1](#) / Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up.
- [1 Cor 8:10-11](#) / For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died.
- [1 Cor 13:2](#) / And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.
- [Eph 3:19](#) / and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Knowledge is not a Good End Unto itself...

- [1 Cor 13:2](#) / And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.
- [1 Cor 13:8](#) / Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

Without the Spirit of God, Learning does not do much / Knowledge is Not Enough

- [2 Tim 3:7](#) / always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth.
- [Luke 11:52](#) / Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering.”