

Monday, March 7, 2016 - Knowledge of God's Word

I ran across this article several years ago (though I can't remember where) and I found it helpful in spurring me on in STUDYING God's word...Simple daily bible reading is not enough...

KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S WORD

In John 8:32, Jesus said "And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." In 2 Peter 3:18 we learn we are to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." Knowledge, of God's Word does not come by chance but by our choosing to learn. It does not come by accident but by acquiring a desire to know and a determination to fill our hearts, minds and lives with God's Word. It takes diligent effort on our part in reading, studying and meditating upon His Word (1 Tim. 4:13; 2 Tim. 2:15; Psa. 1:1-2). When we come to understand the blessings of knowledge, this will instill in us a greater love for knowledge.

Why should we have knowledge of His Word?

- To save our souls (1 Tim. 2:4; John 8:32).
- To separate sound doctrine from false doctrine (1 John 4:1; Eph. 5:11).
- To serve and worship God acceptably (Col. 3:17; John 4:24).
- To settle problems between brethren (Matthew 18:15-17).
- To succeed against the devil (Psalms 119:11; James 4:7-8).
- To speak the Truth (Eph. 4:15; 2 Tim. 4:24; 1 Peter 4:11).
- To stand for the Truth (Jude 3; 1 Cor. 16:13).
- To supply scriptural answers to questions (1 Peter 3:15).
- To sustain faithfulness (2 Pet. 1:5-11; 3:18).
- To seek the right things in life (Matt. 6:13; Col. 3:1-3).