

***How the Knowledge of God
changes our homes***

The knowledge of God changes lives!

- There is no greater goal than to help and lead our family members to heaven.
- The development of the character and faith of an individual is a goal that any honest person would find themselves wanting help. (**Judges 13:8**)

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- Judges 13:8 - Then Manoah prayed to the LORD, and said, "O my Lord, please let the Man of God whom You sent come to us again and teach us what we shall do for the child who will be born."

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- As I raise my children I often think of the challenges I presented to my parents.
- There will be no greater reward for me than to give my family and myself to the Lord for eternity! (1 Sam 1:11)

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- 1 Samuel 1:11 - Then she made a vow and said, "O LORD of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head."

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- We have wonderful things to meditate upon when we know God!
(Ps 63:6; 139:1-4)

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- Psalm 63:6 - When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches.

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- Psalm 139:1-4 - O LORD, You have searched me and known me. 2 You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. 3 You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. 4 For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.

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- The presence of God should be a great comfort to us. **(Isa 58:2)**

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- Isaiah 58:2 - Yet they seek Me daily, And delight to know My ways, As a nation that did righteousness, And did not forsake the ordinance of their God. They ask of Me the ordinances of justice; They take delight in approaching God.

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- This every day view of God allows us to be instant in prayer and praise.
- Over time we will be greatly changed.
(Rom 8:29)

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- Romans 8:29 - For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

My life must reflect the nature of God

- My knowledge of His holiness humbles me to seek His ways. **(Ps 18:21-23)**

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- **Psalm 18:21-23** - For I have kept the ways of the LORD, And have not wickedly departed from my God. 22 For all His judgments were before me, And I did not put away His statutes from me. 23 I was also blameless before Him, And I kept myself from my iniquity.

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- To serve a holy God I must seek His holiness. **(1 Pt 1:15-16)**

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- **1 Peter 1:15-16** - but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

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- The path to holiness is molded by the longsuffering, love and forgiveness of God. We are pursuing Him as our Father as a young man imitates his dad.
- How can we build a foundation on the knowledge of God? **(Col 1:9-10)**

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- **Colossians 1:9-10** - 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; 10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

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- There is a way of thinking that changes us.
- Where do I find my self-worth? Consider several questions.
- What do I boast in? (**Jer 9:23-24**)

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- **Jeremiah 9:23-24** - Thus says the LORD:
"Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom,
Let not the mighty man glory in his might,
Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; 24
But let him who glories glory in this, That
he understands and knows Me, That I am
the LORD, exercising lovingkindness,
judgment, and righteousness in the earth.
For in these I delight," says the LORD.

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- Who do I identify myself with?
(1 Cor 1:12)

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- **1 Corinthians 1:12** - Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ."

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- Whose traditions do I follow?
(John 8:38-39)

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- **John 8:38-39** - "I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have seen with your father." 39 They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham."

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- Whose glory do I really want?
(John 5:42-44; 12:42-43)

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- **John 5:42-44** - "But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. 43 "I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive. 44 "How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God?

***My marriage relationship must
reflect the character of God***

- Jesus describes His relationship with us by using marriage! (Eph 5:25-27)

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- **Ephesians 5:25-27** - Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

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- Everything we have studied about God should now become the building blocks for our home. Holiness, zealous love, righteous anger and longsuffering should be reflected in our character.
- How did Jesus manifest the character of God? He was a servant.
(Mk 10:45; Mt 20:27-28)

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- **Mark 10:45** - "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

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- **Matthew 20:27-28** - "And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave -- 28 "just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

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- The home is a place to serve others.
(Prov 31:10-12)

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- **Proverbs 31:10-12** - Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies. 11 The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain. 12 She does him good and not evil
All the days of her life.

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- This is why worldliness cannot work in the home! Marriage is for three.
- When we raise children to be friends of the world then they will not be good mates.
- What a great place the home is when filled with faith and service. It becomes a place for healing, learning and praise.
- Do you look out to your mates needs first?
(1 Cor 7:3-5)

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- **1 Corinthians 7:3-4** - Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband.
4 The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.

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- I am so glad to be needed and to be able to serve. This is real fulfillment in life!
- There is no greater joy than to look back on your life and see unselfish service.
(Phil 2:17)

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- **Philippians 2:17** - Yes, and if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.

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- To be a servant I must get out of myself.
Let us look to the example of Jesus!
(2 Cor 8:9; Lk 9:26-27)

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- **2 Corinthians 8:9** - For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty **might become rich.**

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- **Luke 9:23-24** - Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. 24 "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.

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- I have found great personal strength in remembering the service of my own parents.
- We need husbands and wives standing in God's ways. **(Heb 12:2-4)**

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- **Hebrews 12:2-4** - looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. 4 You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.

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- We need men who are men. They will stand and take responsibility. They will lead. **(Eph 6:4)**

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- **Ephesians 6:4** - And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

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- We need women who will put their homes as their first priority. **(Titus 2:4-5)**

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- **Titus 2:4-5** -that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

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- You will be out of step with the worldly.
Your children will bless you for it.

The home is where we introduce our children to God

- It is very sobering when you realize that your child's first impression of God will come from what he sees in you. Think about it.
- Those from good homes can understand God as a father. **(Heb 12:6-7)**

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- Hebrews 12:6-7 - For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives." 7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?

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- God also likened Himself to a mother with her children.
- It starts with our knowledge of God!
(Deut 6:4-6)

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- Deuteronomy 6:4-6 - " Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! 5 "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. 6 " And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

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- Consider the kind of commitment it will take. (Deut 6:7-9)

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- Deuteronomy 6:7-9 - "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 8 "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 "You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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- A godly parent will find a thousand ways to teach their children.
- Are you a parent? You are a teacher. Be the best you can be.
- My brother and I were deeply impressed by the faith of our mother. **(2 Tim 1:5)**

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- 2 Timothy 1:5 - when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.

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- Satan seeks to pervert the image of the one true God. (Jn 8:44)

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- John 8:44 - "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it."

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- Do you have these kinds of conversations with your children? Do you ever talk about the character of God? If you won't then Satan will.
- When good things come into our home lets talk about God! Is your home a house of praise? (Ps 28:6-7)

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- Psalm 28:6-7 - Blessed be the LORD,
Because He has heard the voice of my
supplications! 7 The LORD is my strength
and my shield; My heart trusted in Him,
and I am helped; Therefore my heart
greatly rejoices, And with my song I will
praise Him.

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- We continually seek wisdom in how we lead our children.
- Some of the greatest opportunity for growth comes when our children suffer. If I was hurting I would call out for “daddy” or “mama!”
- The home should be like God who will help us heal. (Heb 12:9, 12-13)

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- Hebrews 12:9 - Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?

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- Hebrews 12:12-13 - Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.

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- In my home my occasion for hurting was also an occasion to gain wisdom. Sometimes the hurting came from my parents so that I might learn!
(Prov 1:7-8, 10, 15; 2:1)

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- Proverbs 1:7-8 - The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction. 8 My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother;

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- You children will know if you really know God.
- How do you think Solomon viewed the last words of his father David? (1 Chron 28:9)

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- 1 Chronicles 28:9 - " As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever.

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- Our children will know when we mean it. Also we can reflect God's glory in our lives for the great benefit of our children.
- The future of the church will be determined by how we conduct our homes.
- What will be your thoughts on your death bed?
- May we all be blessed by the powerful knowledge of our great God!