

## **Discipleship - Session 7**

### **Continue the 8 Characteristics Of A True Disciple Number 3 - Knowledge - Hearing God From His Word**

Things we will cover this lesson:

1. All knowledge must be integrated with Christ and the Scriptures.
2. Parents are responsible for the training of their family.
3. How to hear God when we read the Bible.

Assignment:

1. Continue ALONE prayer log. (One day -- 1/2 hour.)
2. Communing with God in His Word:  
Write down what you hear from God in your quiet time.  
Begin 15 minutes in Word with pen & paper. Make a log like the prayer log. Show time, place, Scriptures studied.
3. Also go over the material you learned this session. Look up all the scriptures. Put this lesson to practice in your daily life.

Read again the 8 characteristics from 2 Peter 1

2 Peter 1:5-7

- <sup>5</sup> But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your **faith virtue**, to virtue **knowledge**,  
<sup>6</sup> to knowledge **self-control**, to self-control **perseverance**, to perseverance **godliness**,  
<sup>7</sup> to godliness **brotherly kindness**, and to brotherly kindness **love**.

Characteristic Number 3 is **Knowledge**.

**Knowledge** - Definition:

- The Greek word is *gnosis* - pronounced {gno'sis}.
- To come to know, recognize, understand.
- To know by personal experience. It is a progression of knowledge.

**We must learn to integrate all knowledge with Christ and the Scriptures.**

Colossians 2:8-10

<sup>8</sup> Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

<sup>9</sup> For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;

<sup>10</sup> and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. (NKJV)

Ephesians 4:17-24

<sup>17</sup> This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind,

<sup>18</sup> having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart;

<sup>19</sup> who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

<sup>20</sup> But you have not so learned Christ,

<sup>21</sup> if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:

<sup>22</sup> that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,

<sup>23</sup> and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

<sup>24</sup> and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. (NKJV)

Psalms 119:99-100

<sup>99</sup> I have more understanding than all my teachers, For Your testimonies *are* my meditation.

<sup>100</sup> I understand more than the ancients, Because I keep Your precepts. (NKJV)

**The Parents are responsible for the training of their family.**

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

<sup>4</sup> "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD *is* one!

<sup>5</sup> "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

<sup>6</sup> "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

<sup>7</sup> "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.

<sup>8</sup> "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

<sup>9</sup> "You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (NKJV)

## How to hear God when reading/meditating in your Bible.

### 1. Understand the importance of God's Word!

Joshua 1:8

Matthew 4:4

Psalm 119:11

Psalm 119:105

Job 23:12

Hebrews 4:12

2 Timothy 3:16

Psalm 1:1-3

<sup>1</sup> Blessed *is* the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

<sup>2</sup> But his **delight** *is* in the law of the LORD, And in His law he **meditates** day and night.

<sup>3</sup> He shall be like a **tree** Planted by the **rivers of water**, That brings forth its **fruit** in its season, Whose **leaf also shall not wither**; And whatever he does shall **prosper**. (NKJV)

Note these important words in Psalm 1:

- “**delight**” - pleasure; that which brings good pleasure like children to a parent, cool water to thirsty lips, a refreshing bath after a hard day's work.
- “**meditates**” - Biblical meditation means to ponder, muse, reflect and think on something from God's Word until it becomes real to you. It is like a sheep lying down in green pastures chewing his cud.
- “**tree**” - stable; has stood the test of time.
- “**rivers of water**” - constant nourishment here even in dry times.
- “**fruit**” - that which blesses others; i.e., family, church, friends, business.
- “**leaf shall not wither**” - He is an evergreen. The Hebrew word also means “not to be foolish”; so the implication is he will not be making foolish decisions!
- “**prosper**” - yes in material things, but it means much more than just that; i.e., wisdom, respect, reputation, body, soul, spirit, etc.

## 2. Read with preparation:

A. Pray before and after you read. Ask God to teach you.

B. Look for the following as you read (have a pen and paper):

- A promise from God - Example: Hebrews 13:5-6
- A command to keep - Example: Matthew 22:36-40; Ephesians 4:29-32
- A timeless principle; i.e., *“be not unequally yoked together”*, *“love of money is a root of all evil”*, *“sow - reap”* - Example: Galatians 6:7-8
- A gripping statement - Example: Jeremiah 31:3; John 15:16
- An insight for my life (may come from one of these four above). Write it down.

Example passage: Philippians 2:12-18.

Good suggestion: Begin making a spiritual diary for your spiritual growth.

**Be more concerned with obedience than with knowledge!**

**Obtain knowledge so you can obey!** Never forget: Virtue is before knowledge!

**SUMMATION STATEMENT: Life is filled with the gaining of knowledge. But all knowledge is not necessarily good. Some is even bad. We must learn to compare all knowledge with the scripture. We must also have good knowledge of the scripture. Learn the scripture so you can learn to live life correctly from God’s perspective. God promises rich blessings on those who do.**