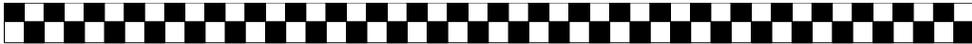


He is always _____ in what He _____,
 (Romans 11:33-36) "*Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! {34} "For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?" {35} "Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?" {36} For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen."*

2. To _____ know _____, verses 2-3, 5
 Psalm 46

(Habakkuk 3:17-18) "*Though the fig tree may not blossom, Nor fruit be on the vines; Though the labor of the olive may fail, And the fields yield no food; Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, And there be no herd in the stalls; {18} Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation."*



increase our understanding so that we can grow into God-centred, loving, productive people. That's why we should want to know. --

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*Gaining knowledge of God's Word
 Can be a worthy goal
 If it leads us to the Lord
 And nourishes our soul. --Sper*

Knowledge can be dangerous if it doesn't lead to wisdom.



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Know To Grow

Add to your faith virtue, . . . knowledge, . . . self-control, . . . perseverance, . . . godliness, . . . brotherly kindness, . . . love. --2 Peter 1:5-7

Several years ago I interviewed a student for a radio program I was hosting. He told me that he was interested in finding out all he could about religion. But when I asked him why, he explained that he wanted to expand his education. This student was curious about what motivates religious people to do what they do, but he said he was not the kind of person who gets up in the morning with a desire to do God's will.

Is it possible that we as Christians are like that? Do we have a desire to learn more about the Bible for reasons other than to know God better and to live as He wants us to? The apostle Peter said we should be increasing our understanding for one primary purpose--to bring our faith to maturity. He pointed out that knowledge is an indispensable element in the process that leads to self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love. This progression toward maturity results in knowing Jesus Christ in a deeply personal way (2 Pet. 1:5-8).

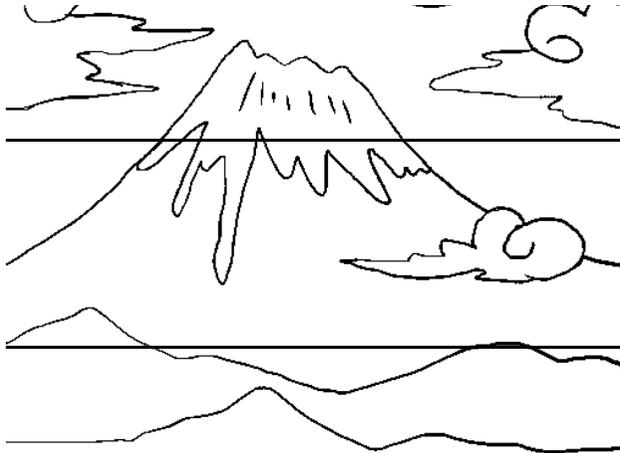
God doesn't ask us to increase our knowledge for the sake of knowledge. He asks us to





2 Peter: Overcoming Error The Way of Fruitfulness III.

The Way of Fruitfulness



The Summit of:
◆ Godliness
◆ Brotherly kindness
◆ Love

The Hard climb of:
◆ Self control
◆ Perseverance

The Foot-Hills of:
◆ Faith
◆ Virtue
◆ Knowledge

(Matthew 7:24-25) "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: [25] "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock."



There are 4 important goals in our accumulation of Bible knowledge:

1. To know _____,

(Hebrews 1:1-2) "God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, [2] has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;"

(John 14:9) "... Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

◆ God is _____ always

He meets my _____ always,

(Philippians 4:19) "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

He _____ my _____ always,

(1 John 1:9) "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse

us from all unrighteousness."

He has _____ for me always,

(Jeremiah 29:11) "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."

(Romans 8:28-29) "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. [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."



He will always _____ me personally,

(Jeremiah 31:3) "The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you."

(Romans 8:35) "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?"

(Romans 8:38-39) "For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, [39] nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

He will always give me the _____ I _____,

(2 Corinthians 9:8) "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work."

◆ God is _____ always

Our God is always in _____,

(Psalms 103:19) "The LORD has established His throne in heaven, And His kingdom rules over all."

(Isaiah 14:27) "For the LORD of hosts has purposed, And who will annul it? His hand is stretched out, And who will turn it back?"

He is always _____,

(Isaiah 41:10) "Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

He is always the _____,

(Hebrews 13:8) "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

(Numbers 23:19) ""God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"