

- I have a fear to disobey God (healthy fear)
- I have humbly owned my sin
- I have learnt to hate my sin
- I love my Saviour and don't want to do anything to hurt him
- I have wholly given myself to the Lord, the best I know how
- I have filled my mind with the Scripture's and learnt by heart verses relevant to my problem
- I understand that the war I am in is spiritual
- I am alert to my sin, and can sense when I am being tempted
- I am quick to pray when tempted
- I know how to use the Bible for victory
- I understand the spiritual armour I need and have put it on
- I draw on God's strength for victory

- I am exercising self-discipline
- I am determined not to give up
- I am seeking to replace my sin with godly habits

when it comes to growing and serving as a believer in Jesus Christ. Yet I need to realize that even though I may think I don't need His help, I really do. Without it, I am unable to produce the kind of spiritual fruit Jesus talked about in John 15.

We must remember the words of our Lord, who said, "Without Me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). —DCE

*Without Him I could do nothing,
Without Him I'd surely fail;
Without Him I would be drifting
Like a ship without a sail.
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You can depend on the Lord. Can the Lord depend on you?



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Learning From Leandra

He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. — John 15:5

Leandra is 3 years old. She has bright brown eyes and a very good mind. One day I was babysitting her, and she was watching her brother Max play games on my computer. Suddenly she announced that she was going to get a snack. "I do it myself!" she said emphatically.

"I'll help you," I said, and began to follow her. She repeated firmly, "I do it myself!" I watched her walk down the stairs. She turned, saw me, and said, "You stay upstairs, Grandpa. Keep an eye on Max." I tried not to laugh. At the bottom of the stairs she turned back, put one hand on her hip, and said, "I mean it, Grandpa!" I backed out of sight and roared with laughter. Later I checked on her. She had opened the refrigerator, found some packaged pudding, and gotten "her" spoon, but she needed me to open the container for her.

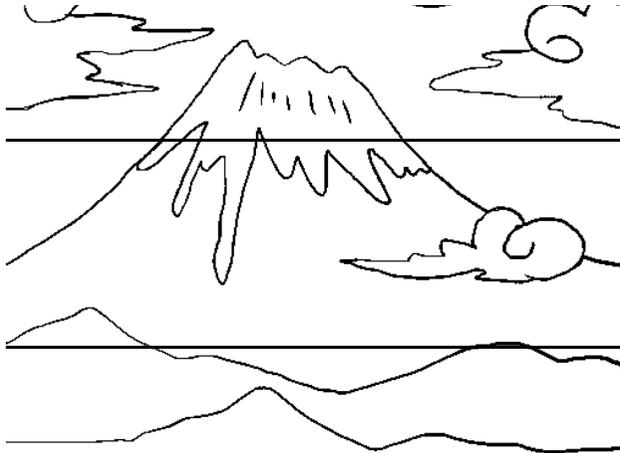
I thought later that there's a lot of that spirit of independence in me. I too want to "do it myself"





2 Peter: Overcoming Error The Way of Fruitfulness IV.

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

Verses 5, 8

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

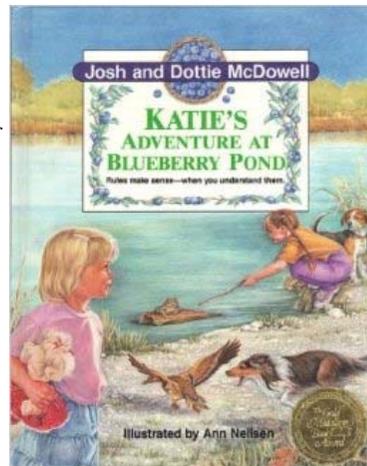
1. To know about God,
2. To personally know God,
3. To know how to _____
_____, verse 6

(Genesis 3:1) "...Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

(Genesis 3:6) "So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate."

(Isaiah 14:13-14) "For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; ...; {14} ... I will be like the Most High.'"

(Ephesians 2:1-3) "And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, {2} in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in



the sons of disobedience, {3} among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others."

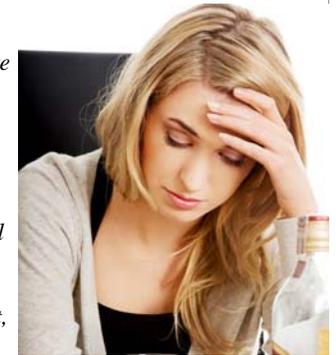
(Psalms 119:9-11) "How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. {10} With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! {11} Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!"

(2 Timothy 3:16-17) "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, {17} that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

(1 Corinthians 10:13) "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it."

(Matthew 26:41) ""Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.""

(Ephesians 6:12-18) "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, .. {13} Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. {14} Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, {15} and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; {16} above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. {17} And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; {18} praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints;"



(Psalms 36:1-2) "An oracle within my heart concerning the transgression of the wicked: There is no fear of God before his eyes. {2} For he flatters himself in his own eyes, When he finds out his iniquity and when he hates."



4. To know how to be _____,
verses 5-7,
John 15:1-8

(Galatians 5:22-23) "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, {23} gentleness, self-control..."

(Ephesians 5:26) "that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,"

