



Learning About Learning

Proverbs 2:6, 24:3-4

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- Prov. 2:6 - “For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding.”
- Prov. 24:3-4 - “Through wisdom a house is built, And by understanding it is established; 4 By knowledge the rooms are filled With all precious and pleasant riches.”

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- Knowledge is the comprehension of facts. It fills our minds with useful and orderly information.
- Understanding is the reasoning of relationships between units of knowledge. Reasoning and logic form the basis of our apprehension and ordering of knowledge. Together, knowledge and understanding create learning.
- Wisdom is the application of learning. It is how putting learning to beneficial, healthy, purposeful uses.

Knowledge

- Hannah recognized that God is a God of knowledge.
 - 1Sam. 2:3 - “Talk no more so very proudly; Let no arrogance come from your mouth, For the LORD is the God of knowledge; And by Him actions are weighed.”
- God is the First Cause Teacher of knowledge
 - Psalm 94:10 - “He who instructs the nations, shall He not correct, He who teaches man knowledge?”

Knowledge

- Fools hate knowledge.
 - Prov. 1:22 - “How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? For scorners delight in their scorning, And fools hate knowledge.”
- Some people learn, but are never filled with knowledge.
 - 2Tim. 3:7 - “Always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

Knowledge

- Children begin without knowledge of good or evil; must be taught.
 - Deut. 1:39 - “Moreover your little ones and your children, who you say will be victims, who today have no knowledge of good and evil, they shall go in there; to them I will give it, and they shall possess it.”

Knowledge

- Knowledge is a means, not an end.
 - Ecc. 1:18 - “For in much wisdom is much grief, And he who increases knowledge increases sorrow.”
 - 1Cor. 8:1 - “Now concerning things offered to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies.”

Understanding

- Offer reasonable and rational service to God.
 - Rom. 12:1 - “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.”

Understanding

- Judge between good and evil.
 - Heb. 5:11-14 - “Of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. 12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. 13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. 14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”

Understanding

- Discover what is acceptable to God.
 - Eph. 5:10 - “Finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.”
- Accept scripture as is; make no attempt to adjust it.
 - 2Peter 3:16 - “As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.”

Understanding

- Use godly reasoning.
 - 2Cor. 10:3-5 - “For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.”

Understanding

- Answer from a well-informed, well-reasoned faith.
 - 1Peter 3:15 - “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.”
- From rich knowledge and deep understanding, use persuasive, passionate appeals to unbelievers.
 - 2Cor. 5:11 - “Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men...”

Understanding

- Acts 17:2 - “Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures.”
- Acts 18:4 - “And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded both Jews and Greeks.”
- Acts 19:8 - “And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God.”
- Acts 18:28 - “For he (*Apollos - prb*) vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.”

Understanding

- We must teach our children, not just the facts of the Scriptures, but also how to reason, how to construct logical arguments, how to see the flaws in the reasoning of those in error. Teach them to think for themselves, to reason from the scriptures, not merely recite them.

Wisdom

- Start with asking God.
 - James 1:5 - “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”
- Proceed with reverencing God.
 - Prov. 9:10 - “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”

Wisdom

- Maintain the right spirit.
 - Prov. 14:6-8, 33 - “A scoffer seeks wisdom and does not find it, But knowledge is easy to him who understands. 7 Go from the presence of a foolish man, When you do not perceive in him the lips of knowledge. 8 The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way, But the folly of fools is deceit. 33 Wisdom rests in the heart of him who has understanding, But what is in the heart of fools is made known.”
 - 2Tim. 4:3-4 - “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.”

Wisdom

- Remember that God has overthrown worldly wisdom.
 - 1Cor. 1:20-21 - “Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.”

All Three Means Are Essential

- Solomon asked for wisdom and knowledge to lead the people.
 - 2Chron. 1:10 - “Now give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this great people of Yours?”

All Three Means Are Essential

- Get truth, wisdom, discipline, understanding, and help make pleasant the lives of others around us.
 - Prov. 23:23-25 - “Buy the truth, and do not sell it, Also wisdom and instruction and understanding.
24 The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice,
And he who begets a wise child will delight in him.
25 Let your father and your mother be glad, And let her who bore you rejoice.”

All Three Means Are Essential

- Paul was confident that the Romans were full of knowledge and able to persuade and admonish others.
 - Rom. 15:14 - “Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.”

All Three Means Are Essential

- Wisdom, knowledge, a plan, and understanding will protect us from evil.
 - Prov. 2:10-15 - “When wisdom enters your heart,
And knowledge is pleasant to your soul, 11
Discretion will preserve you; Understanding will keep
you, 12 To deliver you from the way of evil, From the
man who speaks perverse things, 13 From those who
leave the paths of uprightness To walk in the ways of
darkness; 14 Who rejoice in doing evil, And delight in
the perversity of the wicked; 15 Whose ways are
crooked, And who are devious in their path.”

All Three Means Are Essential

- Prayers for knowledge, understanding, and wisdom should be offered continually for ourselves and others.
 - Col. 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.”