

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1422: How Does Knowledge as a Christian Change My Worldly Life?
(Christian Character Series – Part IV)

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God has granted everything needed for life and godliness through His promises. These promises form the foundation of Christian character. Our response is allegiance—loyal commitment to God's will. 2 Peter 1:5 is used throughout the questions.

Overarching Question: Why does the Apostle Peter place knowledge after faith and moral excellence in the virtue “ladder” of Christian character development? How does this order impact the way Christians should grow?

1. What dangers are associated with strictly worldly knowledge not built on moral excellence? (1 Corinthians 8:1-2, 7-11)
2. What is a mature Christian's responsibility in indulging their liberty in Christ when it comes to influencing others with a less developed conscience? (1 Corinthians 8:7-13) Think of a time when your actions or understanding could have caused someone else to stumble. Based on the principles of 1 Corinthians 8, how would you approach the situation differently now?
3. What is the source and purpose of our spiritual knowledge? How does this inform our attitude towards our own understanding? (2 Corinthians 4:6-7)
4. How does your pursuit of knowledge reflect an allegiance to God's will, rather than to your own reputation or desires?
5. How does the Greek word *epignosis* deepen our understanding of the kind of knowledge God desires eventually for all people? How is this different from *gnosis*? (1 Timothy 2:3-6)
6. What are the risks in ignoring either the Old Testament or New Testament when establishing our spiritual foundations? (2 Timothy 3:15-17, 2 Peter 3:15-16)
7. How do we take “every thought captive to the obedience of Christ”? Why are we a work in progress in this ongoing battle? (2 Timothy 2:15-16, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5)
8. How has the allegiance of your intellect felt that sense of awe over the breadth of His plan for all of mankind? (Romans 11:32-33,36)
9. How does Paul's personal journey illustrate the value of Christian knowledge over worldly accomplishments? Describe how he counts “all things to be loss” because of the “surpassing value” of knowing Christ Jesus? (Philippians 3:7-11, 2 Corinthians 5:17)
10. What are some practical steps to ‘filter’ your thoughts and knowledge, so your mind remains focused on Christ and not worldly perspectives?
11. Finally, why IS knowledge the next quality after faith and moral excellence?