

Knowledge vs. Wisdom

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Rachael's Word yesterday was right on time and right on point. Before I read it, the Lord gave me a dream which this word today stems from. Rachael's word was confirmation as was the following which was part of yesterday's Bible verse of the day on biblegateway.com.

1 Corinthians 1:4-9 - I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, 5 that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, 6 even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, 7 so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let that passage marinate deep within you for a moment. The dream I had was me being given knowledge. There was a warning with this and the token or item came to be more harmful than helpful. There is nothing wrong with gaining and receiving knowledge. The issue comes when we stop at knowledge. Knowledge is to be a catalyst for wisdom. Let us look at the definitions to see if we gain further understanding.

Knowledge:

**Facts, information, and skills acquired by a person through experience or education; the theoretical or practical understanding of a subject.*

**Awareness or familiarity gained by experience of a fact or situation.*

Wisdom:

**The quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgment; the quality of being wise.*

**The soundness of an action or decision with regard to the application of experience, knowledge, and good judgment.*

**The body of knowledge and principles that develops within a specified society or period.*

I believe knowledge leads to wisdom but it's a matter of what that knowledge is. Facts can be misleading (especially this day in age). Let us now see what the Bible tells us about knowledge and wisdom when they are in proper working order.

Proverbs 3:19-20 - The Lord by wisdom founded the earth; By understanding He established the heavens; 20 By His knowledge the depths were broken up, And clouds drop down the dew.

Proverbs 9:7-10 - "He who corrects a scoffer gets shame for himself, And he who rebukes a wicked *man only* harms himself. 8 Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you; Rebuke a wise *man*, and he will love you. 9 Give *instruction* to a wise *man*, and he will be still wiser; Teach a just *man*, and he will increase in learning. 10 "The fear of the Lord *is* the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One *is* understanding.

Relying on only knowledge is a dangerous place to be but using our knowledge to gain deeper understanding and come to wisdom is...well...wisdom. I pray this has made sense because it is something I just received and will work out with the leading of the Holy Spirit in my own walk.

Have a blessed and happy thanksgiving. May everyone's time be filled with wisdom and understanding to dispel any divisions or arguments that are rooted only in head-knowledge and emotion.

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