



"Knowledge" in the Bible

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."

Proverbs 9:10 NASB

Please read these scriptures and answer the related questions:

(A) 1 Corinthians 12:8 The same spirit gives us both wisdom and what? _____

(B) Exodus 35:30-31 Who filled Bezalel with knowledge and other things? _____

(C) Proverbs 1:28-29 What did they hate that causes their pleas to be ignored? _____

(D) Isaiah 44:19 What do they lack knowledge about? _____

(E) Ezekiel 11:5 Who knows our thoughts? _____

(F) Daniel 5:12 Daniel had an extraordinary spirit, what and insight? _____

(G) Micah 3:8 Micah was filled with power, spirit, justice, and courage so he could do what? _____

(H) Luke 11:52 What have they taken away the key of? _____

(I) Romans 15:14 What were they full of? _____

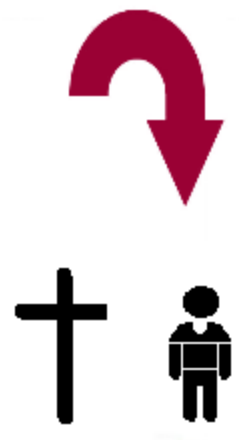
(J) 2 Peter 3:17-18 Peter wants his listeners to continue to grow in what? _____

(K) Romans 10:1-4. Does it matter what we know? Why? _____

Think & Pray _____

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- (A) 1 Corinthians 12:8 The same spirit gives us both wisdom and what? Knowledge
- (B) Exodus 35:30-31 Who filled Bezalel with knowledge and other things? The Lord
- (C) Proverbs 1:28-29 What did they hate that causes their pleas to be ignored? Knowledge
- (D) Isaiah 44:19 What do they lack knowledge about?
They use half a piece of wood to cook their food and worship the other half. How stupid is that?
- (E) Ezekiel 11:5 Who knows our thoughts? The Lord
- (F) Daniel 5:12 Daniel had an extraordinary spirit, what and insight? Knowledge
- (G) Micah 3:8 Micah was filled with power, spirit, justice, and courage so he could do what?
Make known the rebellions and sins of God's people
- (H) Luke 11:52 What have they taken away the key of? Knowledge
- (I) Romans 15:14 What were they full of? Goodness and knowledge enabling to admonish each other
- (J) 2 Peter 3:17-18 Peter wants his listeners to continue to grow in what? Grace and knowledge
- (K) It matters very much. If our zeal for God involves trying to offer him our righteousness we are doomed. We must focus on His righteousness, not ours, and unless we know Him (Jesus Christ) we are unaware of how His righteousness is necessary for our salvation.

The Hebrew word *da-ath* is almost always translated "knowledge." It can also be translated "perception" or "awareness." The Greek *gnosis* is also almost always translated "knowledge" although in one case it was translated "science" by the King James. My definition of *knowledge* is "awareness of facts."

For further thought:

[L] The word "know" or "knows" appears 32 times in the First Epistle of John, or about once every third verse. None of these are in the first chapter and yet the first three verses of 1 John 1 are entirely about knowledge, at least in my opinion. Read 1 John 1:1-3. Do you agree? Why or why not?

[m] Can you think of a time when knowledge of God and/or the Bible was helpful to you in some way? What were the circumstances? How did it turn out?

[n] The word "knowledge" appears 5 times in 2 Peter 1:2-8. Does it mean the same thing in all cases? So what?

[o] What is your plan for increasing your knowledge?

[p] The word "know" or some form of it appears eleven times in 1 Corinthians 8:1-13. What can we learn about the virtue of knowledge from this passage?

[q] The term "knowledge" appears in Isaiah 11:1-10. What does it mean in that context?

[r] The word "knowledge" appears over 150 times in the Bible. Use a concordance to find some of these appearances to read and discuss. "Know" appears another 800 or so times, just in case you run out. ☺