

YEAR OF GROWTH

KNOWLEDGE WEEK 3

EXAMPLES

New Testament:

There are many examples of men and women of knowledge in the Old Testament. We will focus on several who help us to understand the nature and action of knowledge.

Day One – Sunday

Reflect on the definitions of the words that God used to describe knowledge. Think back over the previous lessons. Read again the passages that you have written. Recall the verses you have memorized. Focus on the meaning of knowledge and wisdom and prepare to explore Bible examples of both.

Day Two – Monday

John 8:28-32

The word “know” is one of the key words found in the writings of John. It is found 71 times in his account of the Gospel; 28 times in First, Second, and Third John; and 11 times in Revelation. Another key word is “truth” – found 27 times in his Gospel account and 21 times in his epistles. Like many others, John had come to know the truth by hearing the teaching of Jesus. By continuing in His Word, one will know the truth and find freedom in discipleship.

Day Three – Tuesday

John 13:12-17

John had also learned the truth by observing the example of Jesus. The Lord’s actions also taught lessons. Today, we have the example of Jesus’ life recorded in four accounts of the Gospel. One would do well to read and study them frequently so that Jesus can be both followed and imitated. Knowledge is essential, but blessedness (happiness) only comes by doing what one has learned.

Day Four – Wednesday

Galatians 1:11-20

Paul’s knowledge of the truth came by inspiration. He received direct revelation from the Holy Spirit. However, this form of miraculous knowledge has ceased (1 Cor. 13:8-13). Thankfully, and providentially, inspired knowledge was written down and preserved in the books of the Bible.

Thus, when we read what they wrote we can know what they knew (Eph. 3:3-4). Thus, to gain knowledge we must study the Bible.

Day Five – Thursday

2 Timothy 1:8-14

Timothy had gained knowledge of the truth from the teaching of Paul. He had a heart that was open to the truth, willing to hear and eager to obey. Thus, Paul encouraged him to hold on strongly to his knowledge of God's Word. Furthermore, he instructed Timothy to teach that same knowledge to others who could then do the same (2 Tim. 2:2). To grow in knowledge, we must always be willing to be taught.

Day Six – Friday

Hebrews 2:1-4

One's knowledge of truth is not guaranteed to be permanent. If one is not careful to maintain knowledge, it can slip from his grasp or he may drift away from it. The Hebrew Christians had gained the knowledge of salvation in Christ. However, because of pressures and persecutions, they were neglecting their grasp on the truth. They had begun to drift away from Jesus and His Gospel. They were in danger of leaving the church and losing their salvation. Let us learn from their example and strive to maintain a strong grip on truth.

Day Seven – Saturday

Matthew 13:18-23

In the Parable of the Sower, the truth was available to all types of people represented by the four soils. Yet, three of the four soils did not hold to the truth and produce fruit. The knowledge of truth was snatch away from those who did not allow it to sink in by thinking deeply and meditating upon it. The knowledge of truth was allowed to die in the hearts of those who stumbled when difficulties and persecutions arose. The knowledge of truth was choked out of those who cared more for the material things of this world.

The knowledge of truth was maintained only by those who received it, understood it, and nurtured it. Thus, they produced fruit for the Lord. Let us learn from their example and do the same.