

# Knowledge Proceeding - Love Exceeding

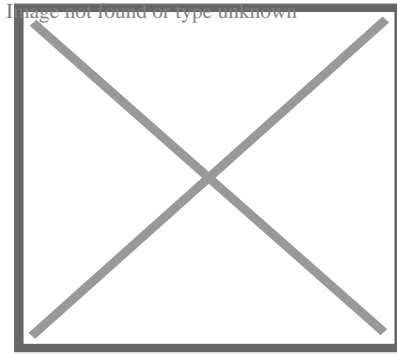
## **Knowledge Proceeding, Love Exceeding**

Godly Knowledge with Love  
Makes You to Grow Spiritually

A Bible Study on

**Ephesians 3:19**

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fulness of God.*



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## **KNOWLEDGE PROCEEDING, LOVE EXCEEDING**

There has been a great attack on the pursuit of even right knowledge. Many today do not appreciate the importance of studying their Bible. They claim they “do not want to know anything but Jesus.”

In these last days it has been prophesied that many would be deceived. This great deception is possible because we have taken the foundation from under the building in putting off diligent search and hunger of Godly knowledge. When the stir of hyped up emotionalism fades, a person is yet without the weapons necessary to fight off the enemy.

Not only is there the great danger of deception, but there are so many GREAT and PRECIOUS promises left unclaimed due to ignorance. (Hosea 4:6)

There is a greater value in **experiencing** the LORD and the Truth of His Word than in **only knowing about** God and His Word. Nonetheless, the extent of our spiritual experience is limited by our knowledge and understanding. We cannot leave off the **pursuit of truth** if we desire to perfect our **love** for Christ.

Ephesians 3:19 and I Corinthians 8:1 are often used to accommodate attacks on the pursuit of knowledge. These texts do not condemn knowledge, but reveal the purpose of knowledge: the knowledge of truth in a man's mind is like a seed planted in soil.

Eph. 3:19—*And to know the **love** of Christ, which passeth **knowledge**, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.*

1. This is an expression of the *immensity* of the *love of Christ*. For the Holy and Righteous God to love a wretched sinner is a love unheard of and impossible according to human reason, therefore, the love of Christ *passeth knowledge*.

2. Yet, if a man is to **experience** that same love working in his heart there must first be knowledge. For every measure of spiritual development there must first be planted a seed of truth. Paul reasons this truth in Romans 10:14:  
How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

ILLUSTRATION: Samuel Morris was born a pagan in dark Africa. He was utterly ignorant of the Bible or *Jesus*. In a torturous situation he cried out for help. Miraculously, a light shone freeing him and a voice commanded him to run. Weeks later, he heard a missionary read the Bible story of Saul of Tarsus on the Damascus road. The story brought **understanding** and further **knowledge** so that Samuel gave his life to Christ. He further hungered and desired more from God but did not **know** what to do. After learning about the promise of the Holy Ghost, he believed God for that experience, as well.

We must KNOW if we are to BELIEVE and BELIEVE if we are to EXPERIENCE the fruit and gifts of God.

1 Cor. 8:1—*Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but **charity edifieth**.*

1. The context of this verse is the issue of whether or not to eat meat that had been offered to idols. Paul reasons that the KNOWLEDGE we have is there is only one God and there is no actual pollution of the meat for the idol is nothing. He follows with the following statement in verse 7: *Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge:*

2. Knowledge of what is right is not the end goal. The end goal is to love God with the same Love that He gives you and show that Love to your neighbor. Verse 3 says, *But if any man love God, the same is known of Him*. A man that will love God, can enjoy the fruits of right knowledge. A religious man that self-righteously cleaves to a rule or law is lifted up in his pride because he thinks he has fulfilled the law. Romans 13:10 clearly tells us that they are so wrong for **love** fulfills the law.

A. Paul KNEW not to eat the meat and had a heart to help those that did not know better. Charity **builds up**.

B. The selfish KNEW not to eat the meat and used that for an excuse to attack and offend their brother. Knowledge **puffs up**.

Knowledge is to be Governed by Love.

**Enough saying NO** to Knowledge  
Yes, knowledge alone is not enough,  
but knowledge is absolutely needed.

LET US TAKE A CLOSER SCRIPTURAL LOOK AT THESE THOUGHTS...

### Knowledge Proceeding—Love Exceeding

EPH. 3:19—*AND TO KNOW THE **LOVE** OF CHRIST, WHICH PASSETH **KNOWLEDGE**, THAT YE MIGHT BE FILLED WITH ALL THE FULNESS OF GOD.*

Knowledge before — Love beyond  
Knowledge plus Love equals: Growth

1 Peter 4:8—*And **above all** things have **fervent charity** among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.*

2 Peter 3:18—*But **grow in grace**, and in the **knowledge** of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.*

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### I. Knowledge void of love *puffeth up*.

Knowledge minus Love equals Pride  
No Knowledge is ignorance.

No Love is always a waste.

Knowledge allied to pride puffs up the mind with vain conceit, makes those who have it bold and rash, and renders them careless of others.

And this knowledge without a proper love, boasted of by the Corinthians, led them to judge others and leave them there. **John 8:31**—*Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, **If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;***

Knowledge without Love, does not avail, but does much hurt. It is the mistress of pride. It does not so much as deserve the name of *godly knowledge* if it is separate from the love of God and therefore from the love of our neighbor. Knowledge void of love is vain.

## II. Knowledge with Love Builds Up

Godly knowledge with the love of God and the love of our neighbor is given to us by the Holy Ghost to make us to grow and cause others to grow—“**edifieth**”

2 Cor. 6:6—*By pureness, **by knowledge**, by longsuffering, by kindness, **by the Holy Ghost**, by love unfeigned,*

Romans 5:5—*And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.*

## III. The Human Mind is Fallible

A. Godly Knowledge is not the trouble maker. Thinking you know the truth when what you believe is not scriptural is the problem.

1Cor. 8:2—*And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.*

2Peter 1:2—*Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,*

3—*According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue*

8—*For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus*

2Cor. 10:5—*Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;*

Prov. 1:22 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?

? *Proverbs 1:20-33*

? *Wisdom is Calling*

? *Who is listening?*

*Wisdom reproves three kinds of men*

- a. Ye simple ones
- b. Those who err out of ignorance

**Proverbs 1:22** “How long, ye simple ones”

Act without really knowing is the way of the simple.

Hebrews 5:2 Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity.

Prov. 19:27 **Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge.**

c. The scorers

Those who cannot stand to be taught

**Proverbs 1:22** “the scorers delight in their scorning”

Anyone can become a scorer, by just refusing to be taught.

d. Fools

Those who drowned in worldly lusts, pride and hate the knowledge of godliness

**Proverbs 1:22** “fools hate knowledge”

2Cor. 8:7—*Therefore, as ye **abound in everything**, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.*

Php. 1:9—*And this I pray, **that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment**;*

We must **abound in everything** not just in a few areas.

By the Grace of God we will abound in everything.

Col 1:9—*For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with **the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding**;*  
10—*That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;*

2Peter 3:18—*But **grow in grace**, and in the **knowledge** of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.*

John 15:8—*Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.*

2Cor. 2:14—*Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.*

*Knowledge must proceed*

*Spiritual fruit must exceed*

## KNOWLEDGE PROCEEDING LOVE EXCEEDING

2 Cor. 6:4—*But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,*

2 Cor. 6:6—*By **pureness**, by **knowledge**, by **longsuffering**, by **kindness**, by **the Holy Ghost**, by **love unfeigned**,*

Ex. 33:19—*And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and **will be gracious** to whom I will **be gracious**, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.*

Love-	Knowledge
Joy-	Wisdom
Peace-	Understanding
Longsuffering-	(Conscience reproof)
Gentleness-	(Intelligence Instructions)
Goodness-	Prudence
Faith-	Conviction, Chastening (Eternal life, Victory)
Meekness-	Character
Temperance-	Conduct

1 Peter 4:13—*But **rejoice**, in as much as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with **exceeding joy**.*

2Cor. 7:4—*Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my glorying of you: I am filled with comfort, I am **exceeding joyful** in all our tribulation.*

2 Peter 1:4—*Whereby are given unto us **exceeding great and precious promises**: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

? KNOWLEDGE PROCEEDING LOVE EXCEEDING

Love Passes Knowledge

Eph. 3:19—*And to know the **love** of Christ, which passeth **knowledge**, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.*

Always Remember

1. This is an expression of the *immensity* of the *love of Christ*. For the Holy and Righteous God to love a soul that he might be filled with all the fullness of God is a love unheard of and impossible according to human reason, therefore, the love of Christ *passeth* knowledge.
2. Yet, if a man is to **experience** that same love to the fullness of God working in his heart there must first be knowledge. For every measure of spiritual development there must first be planted a seed of truth.

Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Joh n1:16—*And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.*

Hosea 4:6—*My people are **destroyed for lack of knowledge**: because thou hast **rejected knowledge**, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.*

1Tim. 1:14—*And the grace of our Lord was **exceeding abundant** with faith and **love** which is in Christ Jesus.*

2Th 1:11 Wherefore...the work of faith with power:

? WISDOM PROCEEDING JOY EXCEEDING

Joy beyond wisdom

Prov. 11:30—*The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.*

Neh 8:10 ... *for the joy of the LORD is your strength.*

Psalms 16:11—*Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.*

1. This is an expression of the *immensity* of the Joy of the Lord. For the Holy and Righteous God to give Joy in His Full strength is unheard of and impossible according to human reason, therefore, the Full strength of the Joy of the Lord goes beyond our knowledge and wisdom.
2. Yet, if a man is to **experience** that Joy to full strength working in his heart there must first be knowledge, wisdom and understanding. For every measure of spiritual development there must first be planted a seed of truth.

Ro mans 15:29 And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.

1 Peter 1:8—*Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:*

Romans 3:23—*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

Romans 5:2—*By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

Romans 8:18—*For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*

John 11:40—*Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?*

17:22—*And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:*

24—*Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.*

Romans 9:4—*Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;*

9:23—*And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,*

11:36—*For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.*

15:7—*Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.*

2 Cor. 3:9—*For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.*

10—*For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth.*

18—*But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

2 Cor. 4:6—*For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

2 Co 4:17—*For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;*

5:12—*For we commend not ourselves again unto you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that ye may have somewhat to answer them which glory in appearance, and not in heart.*

12:9—*And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

Gal. 5:26—*Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.*

6:14—*But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.*

Eph. 1:6—*To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.*

12—*That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.* 14—*Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.*

17—*That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:*

18—*The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,*

Eph. 3:1—*That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;*

Col 1:27—*To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:*

1 Thes. 2:12—*That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.*



2 Thes. 2:14—Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 23:15—My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine.

16—Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.

24—The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him.

2 Tim. 2:10—Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

Heb. 2:10—For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Heb. 9:5—And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercy seat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.

1 Cor. 2:9—But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

10—But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

1 Peter 1:7—That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

8—Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

1 Peter 4:13—But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

1 Peter 4:14—If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

5:1—The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

4—And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

10—But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

11—To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

2 Peter 1:3—According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

3:18—But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

2 Cor. 7:9—Now I **rejoice**... that ye sorrowed to repentance

Heb. 12:2—Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Deut. 28:47—Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things; 48—Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the LORD...until he have destroyed thee

Eph 1:23—Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Col. 1:11—Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with **joyfulness**;

Php 4:1—Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, **my joy** and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved

1 Thes. 2:20—For ye are our glory and joy.

2 Cor. 1:12—For **our rejoicing** is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but **by the grace of God**, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.

Php 3:3—For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and **rejoice** in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

Jude 1:24—Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with **exceeding joy**,

### **Peace passes Understanding**

Php 4:7—And the **peace** of God, which passeth all **understanding**, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

1. This is an expression of the *immensity* of the Peace of God. For the Holy and Righteous God to give Peace to perfection is unheard of and impossible according to human reason, therefore, the Perfect Peace of God **passeth all understanding**.
2. Yet, if a man is to **experience** Perfect Peace working in his heart there must first be knowledge and understanding. For every measure of spiritual development there must first be planted a seed of truth.

James 5:7—*Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.*

**Isa 26:3—*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. {perfect...: mind: or, thought, or, imagination}***

**4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength:**

**{everlasting...: Heb. the rock of ages}**

John 14:27—*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

**Conscience Proceeding Longsuffering Exceeding**

**Longsuffering beyond the Conscience**

**To be longsuffering is to be less conscious of self and more conscious of others.**

Ex. 34:6—*And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, **longsuffering**, and abundant in goodness and truth,*

Psalms 86:15—*But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, **longsuffering**, and plenteous in mercy and truth.*

Romans 2:4—*Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and **longsuffering**; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?*

1. This is an expression of the *immensity* of the *Longsuffering of Christ*. For the Holy and Righteous God to be longsuffering with a wretched sinner is a selflessness unheard of and impossible according to human reason, therefore, **the Longsuffering of Christ goes beyond the Conscience.**
2. Yet, if a man is to **experience** that same Longsuffering working in his heart there must first be knowledge and great understanding. For every measure of spiritual development there must first be planted a seed of truth.

2Cor. 6:6—*(By **longsuffering**)*

Gal. 5:22—*But the fruit of the Spirit is ... **longsuffering***

Eph. 4:2—*With all lowliness and meekness, with **longsuffering**, forbearing one another in love;*

Col. 1:11—*Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and **longsuffering** with joyfulness;*

Col 3:12—*Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, **longsuffering**;*

2Tim. 3:10—*But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, **longsuffering**, charity, patience,*

2Tim. 4:2—*Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all **longsuffering** and doctrine.*

1Peter 2:19—*For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, **suffering** wrongfully.*

1Peter 3:16—*Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.*

20—*Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.*

21—*The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:*

**Intelligence Proceeding Gentleness Exceeding**

**Gentleness beyond intelligence, instruction and appearance**

Gal. 5:22—*But the fruit of the Spirit is ... **gentleness***

2Cor. 10:1—*Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and **gentleness** of Christ, who in presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you:*

2Sa 22:36—*Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy **gentleness** hath made me great.*

Ps 18:35—*Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy **gentleness** hath made me great.*

**GENTLENESS** is being mild, calm, kind and tender and shown through mercy, courtesy and politeness while condescending to those in need.

Mildness of manners  
Mildness of disposition

*Always Remember*

1. This is an expression of the *immensity* of the *Gentleness of Christ*. For the Holy and Righteous God to prepare and provide for a soul that he might be filled with all the intelligence of God is a Gentleness unheard of and impossible according to human reason, therefore, the Gentleness of Christ *passeth our intelligence*.
2. Yet, if a man is to **experience** that same Gentleness to the fullness of God working in his heart there must first be *intelligence*. For every measure of spiritual development there must first be planted a seed of truth.

A quiet approach – “A still small voice”

1Ki 19:12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

The biblical qualities of gentleness are misunderstood and undervalued in today's society of extremes—where all too often people tend to angrily overreact or passively underreact.

**Gentleness** - Pro 15:1; Isa. 40:11; 42:1-3; Phil. 4: 5; Mat 5:5; 11:28-29; 12:15; Luke 7:36-50; 10:38-42; John 8: 1-11; Eph. 4:1-2; Col. 3:16; 2 Timothy 2:24; 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8

When we are too full of pride, we cannot be gentle with others; we cannot be a friend, for all we will do is hurt them and push them away. We can look to Jesus who modeled ultimate gentleness and care. Being fully God He does not have to be gentle, yet He takes the time to nurture others even when they make mistakes and fail. He helps them up and puts them back together;

Goodness beyond Prudence (Working with good sense)

Rom. 2:4—*Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the **goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance**?*

Rom. 11:22—*Behold therefore the **goodness** and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, **goodness**, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.*

Gal. 5:22—*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, **goodness**,*

Eph. 1:8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

Eph. 5:9—*(For the fruit of the Spirit is in all **goodness** and righteousness and truth;)*

2Thes. 1:11—*Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of **his goodness**, and the work of faith with power.*

Rom. 15:14—*And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of **goodness**, filled with all knowledge, **able also to admonish** one another.*

Ex. 33:19—*And he said, I will make **all my goodness pass before thee**, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.*

1. This is an expression of the *immensity* of the *Goodness of Christ*. For the Holy and Righteous God to show ALL His Goodness is unheard of and impossible according to human reason, therefore, **the Goodness of Christ goes beyond Prudence even Moses had to be hid in the cleft of the rock and God covered him with His Hand as He passed by showing only the hinder parts of the afterglow . Ex. 33:20-23**
2. Yet, if a man is to **experience** All God's Goodness working in his heart there must first be knowledge and great understanding to continue in His Goodness.  
For every measure of spiritual development there must first be planted a seed of truth.

2 Cor. 3:18—*But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

Faith beyond Conviction

Eph 3:12—*In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.*

Php 1:25—*And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith;*



2 Thes. 1:11—Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the **work of faith with power:**

Luke 17:5—And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

John 3:30—He must increase, but I must decrease.

1 Cor. 3:6—I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

1 Cor. 3:7—So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

2 Cor. 9:10—Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness

Gal. 5:6—For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love .

Eph. 4:16—From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Col. 2:19—And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.

1 Thes. 1:3—Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;

1 Thes. 3:12—And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you:

4:10—And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more;

2 Ti m. 2:16—But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

Isa 61:3—To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

Mat .15:13—But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

Heb 6:12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

### **Meekness beyond Character**

2 Cor.. 10:1—Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you:

Gal. 5:23—Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law

6:1—Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of **meekness**; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted

Eph. 4:2—With all lowliness and **meekness**, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

Col. 3:12—Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, **meekness**, longsuffering;

1 Tim. 6:11—But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, **meekness**.

2 Tim. 2:25 In **meekness** instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

**Titus 3:2—To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.**

James 1:21—Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with **meekness** the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

James 3:13—Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with **meekness** of wisdom.

1 Peter 3:15—But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to everyman that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with **meekness** and fear:

### **Temperance Beyond Conduct**

Acts 24:25—And as he reasoned of righteousness, **temperance**, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

Gal. 5:23—Meekness, **temperance**: against such there is no law.

2 Peter 1:6—And to knowledge **temperance**; and to **temperance** patience; and to patience godliness;

Titus 1:8—But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, **temperate**;

Proverbs 1:7—The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

29—For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD:

? They hate that which is practical

? They hate even their duty

Ex. 31:3—And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in **wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge**, and in all manner of workmanship,

35:31—And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in **wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge**, and in all manner of workmanship;

1 Sam. 2:3—Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for **the LORD is a God of knowledge**, and by him actions are weighed.

2 Chron. 1:10—Give me now **wisdom and knowledge**, that I may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people, that is so great?

11—And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast **asked wisdom and knowledge** for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king:

2 Chron. 1:12—**Wisdom and knowledge** is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like.

**Job** 15:2—Should a wise man utter vain knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind?

21:14—Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways.

33:3—My words shall be of the uprightness of my heart: and my lips shall utter knowledge clearly.

34:2—Hear my words, O ye wise men; and give ear unto me, ye that have knowledge.

36:4—For truly my words shall not be false: **he that is perfect in knowledge is with thee**.

37:16—Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him which is perfect in knowledge?

**Psalms** 19:2—Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

14:4—Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread, and call not upon the LORD.

53:4—Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread: they have not called upon God.

**Proverbs** 2:3—Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;

5—Then shalt thou **understand** the fear of the LORD, and find the **knowledge of God**.

6—For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

10—When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul;

11—Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:

3:20—**By his knowledge the depths are broken up**, and the clouds drop down the dew.

5:1—My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding:

2—That thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge.

8:8—All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them.

9—They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.

10—Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold.

9:10—The fear of the LORD is the beginning of **wisdom**: and the **knowledge of the holy is understanding**.

10:14—**Wise men lay up knowledge**: but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.

11:9—An hypocrite with his mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but **through knowledge** shall the just be delivered.

12—He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbour: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace.

12:1—**Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge**: but he that hateth reproof is brutish.

23—**A prudent man concealeth knowledge**: but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.

13:16—*Every prudent man dealeth with knowledge: but a fool layeth open his folly.*

14:6—*A scorner seeketh wisdom, and findeth it not: but **knowledge is easy unto him that understandeth.***

7—*Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not in him the lips of knowledge.*

Proverbs 14:18—*The simple inherit folly: but the **prudent are crowned with knowledge.***

**Proverbs 15:2**—*The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.*

7 **The lips of the wise disperse knowledge:** but the heart of the foolish doeth not so.

14 **The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge:** but the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.

17:27 *He that hath knowledge spareth his words: and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit.*

18:15 *The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.*

19:2 *Also, that the soul be without knowledge, it is not good; and he that hasteth with his feet sinneth.*

25 *Smite a scorner, and the simple will beware: and reprove one that hath understanding, and he will understand knowledge.*

20:15 *There is gold, and a multitude of rubies: but the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel.*

21:11 *When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise: and when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge.*

22:12 *The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge, and he overthroweth the words of the transgressor.*

17 *Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge.*

20 *Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge,*

23:12 *Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge.*

24:4 *And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.*

5—*A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.*

Proverbs 24:14—*So shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul: when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off.*

*No possession yields so precious revenue as wisdom. It makes men rich for time and eternity.*

Isaiah 5:13—*Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge:*

*and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.*

11:2—*And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of **wisdom and understanding**, the spirit of **counsel** and might, the spirit of **knowledge** and of the fear of the LORD;*

33:6—*And **wisdom and knowledge** shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD is his treasure.*

40:14—*With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding?*

53:11—*He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.*

Jer. 3:15—*And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.*

Jer. 4:22—*For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.*

Daniel 1:17—*As for these four children, **God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom:** and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.*

5:12—*Forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and shewing of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will shew the interpretation.*

Hosea 4:1—*Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.*

Hosea 6:6—*For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.*

Habukkuk. 2:14—*For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.*

Luke 1:77—*To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins,*

Luke 11:52—*Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.*

Rom. 1:28—*And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;*

10:2—*For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.*

11:33—*O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!*

Rom. 15:14—*And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.*

1Cor. 1:5—*That in everything ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge;*

12:8—*For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;*

13:2—*And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.*

1Cor. 12:7—*But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.*

8—**Charity never faileth**: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

15:34—*Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.*

2 Cor. 4:6—*For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

2 Cor. 11:6—*But though I be rude in speech, yet not in knowledge; but we have been thoroughly made manifest among you in all things.*

Eph. 1:17—*That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:*

### **God... in the knowledge of him...His Mighty Power**

? The God of our Lord Jesus Christ  
? The Father of glory  
? Giving unto you

(Blessings, Fruits, Gifts and an Inheritance)

? The Spirit of Wisdom  
? Revelation  
? Resurrection Power  
? **Right hand in the heavenly places**  
? **Being Filled with His Fullness**

We must seek to know Him more and more while we hold on to what He has already given us.

Eph 1:19 **And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,**

Eph. 3:4—*Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)*

Eph. 4:13—*Till we all come in the **unity of the faith**, and of the **knowledge of the Son of God**, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:*

Php. 3:8—*Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,*

Col. 2:3—*In whom are hid **all** the treasures of **wisdom and knowledge**.*

Col. 3:10—*And have put on the new man, which is **renewed in knowledge** after the image of him that created him:*

1 Tim. 2:4—*Who will have all men to be saved, and to **come unto the knowledge of the truth**.*

2 Tim. 3:7—*Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

Heb. 10:26—*For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,*

James 3:13—*Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? **let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.***

1 Peter 3:7—*Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.*

2 Peter 1:5—*And beside this, **giving all diligence**, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;*

2 Peter 2:20—*For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the **knowledge** of the **Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ**, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.*

### *A Message from the Apostle of Love*

#### Knowledge Proceeding Love Exceeding

John 17:3  
And this is life eternal,  
? that they might **know** thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.  
John 8:32 And ye shall **know the truth**, and the **truth** shall **make** you **free**.

John 13:17  
If ye **know** these things,  
? happy are ye if ye do them.

1 John 2:5  
But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby  
? **know** we that we are in him.

1 John 3:14  
We **know** that we have passed from death unto life,  
? because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

1 John 5:2  
By this we **know**  
? that we love the children of God, when we love  
God, and keep his commandments.

All the Fruits of the Spirit working from the knowledge of God in our life make us to grow strong so God can use us in all the Gifts. “Covet earnestly the best gifts”

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