Knowledge Is Power

"Never stop learning, and you'll never stop growing." This is one of the last things I heard when I finished graduate school. After spending a quarter of a century in the education system, it was the one token of wisdom offered that stuck with me. The way we acquire knowledge is by studying, learning, and trying new things. King Solomon, the wisest man to ever live (besides Jesus), tells us in Proverbs 2:6 (NIV), "For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding." We are living in the Information Age. We can access a flood of data and information at the click of a button. With so much intel available and easily accessible, why is there still so much confusion in the world?

WHAT YOU FEED YOUR MIND IS WHAT WILL GROW IN YOU.

Making yourself more knowledgeable about the Bible can save you a lot of confusion and headaches in life. The Word is life. God's Word dispels darkness and eliminates confusion. The Bible is absolute truth, not subject to man or cultural change. Unlike the weather, cultural trends, or human will, God's Word never changes. Proverbs 24:5 (NASB) says, "A wise man is strong, and a person of knowledge increases power." The state of the world today is in confusion because the truth of God is being suppressed by ungodly people and the enemy. The Apostle Paul explains, saying, "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of people who suppress the truth in unrighteousness." (Romans 1:18 NASB)

One way the enemy tries to take your power away is by suppressing the truth. The enemy will do all he can to deceive and destroy. He will fabricate false evidence and offer worldly answers to life's problems. These solutions from the enemy and the spirit of the world are twisted. The devil will tell us it is inconvenient and too expensive to raise a child right now so abort the child. The adversary will tell us following God is boring, and Christianity is just another religion to choose from in the world today. The enemy will try to make us think God doesn't care or is absent. The way we defeat the enemy's lies and deceptions is by filling our minds and hearts with the Scriptures.

DECLARING GOD'S WORD DEFEATS THE ENEMY EVERY TIME.

If the devil can keep the voice of the Church on mute, he can deceive the whole world. The good news today is the voice of God's Church cannot be silenced. When we speak God's Word, power is released to demolish principalities and demonic strongholds in the unseen spiritual realm. The more knowledge of God's Word you have, the greater the arsenal you have to wage war against these forces of darkness. 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (BSB) tells us, "The weapons of our warfare are not the weapons of the world. Instead, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We tear down arguments and every presumption set up against the knowledge of God; and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."

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The ways of God and the ways of man are in opposition to one another. This opposition is why we see so much conflict. We are living in the world God created, and yet many people do not even acknowledge Him as God, more or less serve Him. The lack of knowledge about who God is and what He says is appalling today. Many are operating in fear and take the 24/7 news media outlets as gospel news. They believe everything the mainstream media tells them, and therefore they live on edge and in fear. This fear is oppressive and comes from the enemy. What the media reports and what God's Word reports rarely, if ever, agree. So who should you listen to?

Personally, I want to know what God says. If God can hold the sun still, cause all the planets to orbit perfectly, and hold us planted to the ground on a huge spinning rock, I think His Word is just as trustworthy. God always does exactly what He says He is going to do. Many of life's problems are caused by a lack of knowledge

- that is, a lack of knowledge in God's Word. Hosea 4:6 (KJV) tells us, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." The Word of God is filled with instruction, words of wisdom, and promises we can stand on through all of life's battles. Whenever we neglect spending time in the Word, we are only hurting ourselves.

READING THE BIBLE GROWS YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF WHO GOD IS, BECAUSE GOD IS THE WORD.

John 1:1 (NLT) says, "In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God." When God spoke, the worlds came into existence. When God speaks, all of creation obeys. In the same way, you have been given a voice to speak. Like your Father in Heaven, your words carry creative power. That's why it is so important to pay attention to the words coming out of your mouth. When you speak life, you are sowing seeds of life. When you speak death, you are sowing seeds of destruction (Proverbs 18:21). Furthermore, God always reveals what He is doing to His people. Amos 3:7 (NIV) tells us, "Surely the Sovereign LORD does nothing without revealing His plan to His servants the prophets."

In these last days God has poured out the Holy Spirit to minister to and lead us. His Spirit is continually speaking and revealing mysteries to us if we will pay attention. Having knowledge that comes from the Spirit within can give you insight into what God is saying and doing. When you have inside information, you can live your life from a place of power knowing what God has said. This is one reason God has given the prophetic ministry within the churches. The Apostle Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 14:1 (NASB), "Pursue love, yet earnestly desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy."

GOD WANTS YOU OPERATING IN THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are your spiritual weapons to fight against the demonic activities you face in your daily life. Paul lists nine specific gifts we are called to operate in as the Church: the word of wisdom, the word of knowledge, the gift of faith, gifts of healing, the working of miracles, the gift of prophecy, the distinguishing of spirits, the gift of various tongues, and the interpretation of tongues (1 Corinthians 12:8-10). When you stir up the Spirit within you through praise, fellowship, and reading the Word, these gifts are going to begin flowing forth from your innermost being like water.

Inside of you is a wellspring of life that brings hope and light to a darkened world. 2 Corinthians 2:14 (NASB95) says, "But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place." The way the world comes to know Jesus Christ is through you. You carry the knowledge of Christ in you. This knowledge of Jesus and His Kingdom is the most valuable knowledge in the world. Knowledge of the truth is what sets people free (John 8:32). Knowing the truth is what gives you power over the enemy.

The truth is Jesus is Lord over all. The truth is Jesus gave you all His authority to trample over the enemy and set captives free in His name (Luke 10:19). As you increase your knowledge of God's Word and your understanding of the Holy Spirit, your power over the enemy grows even stronger.

THE WILL OF GOD IS FOR ALL OF HIS CHILDREN TO GROW TO FULL SPIRITUAL MATURITY.

The way we grow spiritually mature is by seeking God continually and developing a history with Him over time. As you have experiences with the Lord, your trust and your faith in Him grows even stronger. You've seen God deliver you in the past, and you know He will do it again. God has given you different gifts, talents, and interests He wants to develop in you for His divine purposes. God has filled His church with doctors, teachers, artists, writers, counselors, medical professionals, construction workers, business people, technicians, and people from different walks of life. He intends on using every member to accomplish His good pleasure.

When you grow your knowledge in the areas of life you are gifted in you are actually giving glory to God. You are growing in what God brought you into this world to do. For years, I have known I was going to be a writer. At first I started by writing books. Over the past couple of years God has shown me that I will be writing more screenplays and scripts for film in the days to come. In order to develop this call to a new form of writing, I've had to expand my knowledge in screenwriting. As I've found several insightful books on the movie making process and screenwriting techniques, I have spent time every day reading and studying to grow my knowledge in this field. The new information has proven valuable as I develop storylines and characters in the new movie I am writing.

YOU ARE A LIFELONG LEARNER.

Growing in knowledge is what empowers us to go higher. This is what the education system is designed to do. It's why teachers are so valuable to society. We can now access all sorts of categories with a wealth of information to grow our knowledge in any given field. Exercising the muscle of the mind is how you rise higher and go to new levels of breakthrough. You are never too young or too old to learn something new. Proverbs 18:15 (NASB95) says, "The mind of the prudent acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge."

I believe as you continue to seek the Lord, He is going to expand your mind to receive more of Him and to grow in knowledge. This fall your interests are being stirred by the Holy Spirit to pick up a new book, to learn a new hobby, to grow in new ways as you pursue your dreams - day by day your mind is being renewed as you spend time with the Lord (Romans 12:2). When we learn to die to self and live for the Lord, only then can we begin to understand the Lord's will. Jesus tells us in Luke 9:23-24 (NASB), "If anyone wants to come after Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever wants to save his life

will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, this is the one who will save it."

YOUR TRUE IDENTITY CAN ONLY BE FOUND IN JESUS CHRIST.

You are who God says you are. As you grow in your knowledge of God's Word, you are actually going to grow into knowing who you were meant to be. You are a child of God, full of good fruit. Your purpose and destiny is in the faithful hands of your Creator (1 Peter 4:19). The breakthroughs you are looking for, the purpose your soul longs for, is going to be found while you are earnestly pursuing the Lord and all that He has for you. This world is full of counterfeit paths and enticing but void promises. This world will not satisfy the soul. It's why Jesus says, "And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but are yourself lost or destroyed?" (Luke 9:25 NLT)

The knowledge of this world in your head without the love of God in your heart is worthless. 1 Corinthians 8:1-3 (BSB) warns us: "We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. The one who thinks he knows something does not yet know as he ought to know. But the one who loves God is known by God." Knowledge without love makes the human heart arrogant. As we learn from a place of love, we grow in power - power to increase, power to be promoted, power to overcome.

THIS FALL YOU ARE GROWING IN KNOWLEDGE.

God is strengthening the Body of Christ in this season of preparation. God is preparing His people for promotion and for victory. As you position yourself firmly in the Word of God, you are not going to be moved by the ups and downs of this world. Your faith is anchored in Christ (Hebrews 6:19). Your knowledge of who God is is rooted in the love of Jesus. Because you are planted in the good soil of God's Word, you are bearing thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold this fall! (Matthew 13:8)

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BEING A MINISTRY PARTNER.

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I declare this fall you are growing in knowledge in new areas of life. As you expand your knowledge, you are going to have the power and ability to go to new levels of victory and success like never before. The Lord is pouring out more wisdom and understanding upon you through the Spirit of Christ dwelling in you. Your knowledge of God's Word is increasing this season as you fill your mind and heart with the Scriptures. You are rising higher and prospering in even greater measure this fall. With God's help, there is nothing you cannot accomplish! I love you so much, and I am praying for you every single day.

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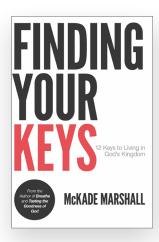


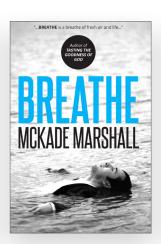
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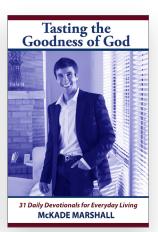
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