

What is knowledge?

Root word *know*:

- To perceive directly with the senses
- To be subjected to; to experience
- To be able to distinguish; recognize
- To be acquainted or familiar with
- To be cognizant of aware

The well known scientific philosopher Sir Francis Bacon says, “Knowledge is power.” This is from a man who understands knowledge thoroughly, being the establisher of the Scientific Method, a philosophy that holds things to be scientific only if measurable, repeatable, and observable.

What does the Bible say exactly about knowledge?

- Proverbs 18:15 - Seek knowledge
- Proverbs 8:10 – Knowledge is greater than gold
- Hosea 4:6 – Need knowledge
- Psalm 119:66 – Ask for knowledge

Knowledge and reason are used to disprove God and become gods to us. Through the accumulation of earthly knowledge and our own reason we can solve any problem and we become self sufficient, not needing God and becoming like or equal to God. The Bible says to acquire knowledge and that it has great worth and power.

We need to define terms: Earthly knowledge verses spiritual knowledge

Science – Earthly knowledge: We need to know God, but more than that, accept and believe in God, establishing a personal relationship.

Illustrations:

John 3:11-12 – Science/Scientific method: it’s powerful, yet we need more. If I tell you about earthly knowledge but you don’t believe, how will you accept the spiritual knowledge?

Matthew 15:9 – Foot note: The Pharisees knew a lot about God, but they didn’t know God. It is not enough to study about religion or even study the Bible. We must respond to it.

Proverbs 1:29-33 – Since they rejected knowledge, they didn’t choose God and didn’t choose life.

This leads into my last point from Genesis 2:9 and 2:16.

Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil (knowledge of the earth)
Tree of Life (God/Life)

They knew God (spiritual knowledge)—life, but they chose earthly knowledge which leads to death ultimately.

Without God there can be no life.

Conclusion: We must seek spiritual knowledge and apply it rather than focusing solely upon the things of the earth, progressing in our faith.