

Knowing the Word Like We Know the World

We live in this natural world and enjoy the benefits of it based on our natural knowledge of it. It's the same way in God's spiritual world. Just think about this; if we have a lack of understanding of our smart phone, we can't enjoy the benefits of it. If we have a lack of understanding of God, we won't be able to enjoy His benefits.

I was in a store this morning, and watched something interesting. There was a young child, about 2 years of age, and his mom kept him occupied by giving him an iPad. I watched him navigate through that tablet like a teenager! On the other hand, an older lady was ahead of me in line; and when she came to the check out, she was trying to use the credit card machine, but was having a really hard time. I asked the Lord why the young child could do what the older lady couldn't. I believe He told me this; the world she grew up in was completely different than the world we live in today. For her to learn this new world that she lives in now, she will have to really work hard at it. It won't come as easily as if she had learned it when she was young. But she can learn it, if she will apply herself.

Most of the human race has grown up without the Bible being their number one source of learning. In fact, if you ask people simple questions from the Bible, many don't have a clue to the answers. Well this is the reason God is not in most people's lives. The Bible is the only book that really reveals God and His plans for mankind in a complete way. If people do not apply themselves to study the Bible, they will miss out on God's best on this earth. I want to give you some Scripture verses to study to get you on the road to receiving God's Person and His blessings in your life.

Next week we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Study these verses, and the day will really impact you.

2 Timothy [2:15](#) KJV Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Luke 24:1-35 NCV Very early on the first day of the week, at dawn, the women came to the tomb, bringing the spices they had prepared. [2] They found the stone rolled away from the entrance of the tomb, [3] but when they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. [4] While they were wondering about this, two men in shining clothes suddenly stood beside them. [5] The women were very afraid and bowed their heads to the ground. The men said to them, "Why are you looking for a living person in this place for the dead? [6] He is not here; He has risen from the dead. Do you remember what He told you in Galilee? [7] He said the Son of Man must be handed over to sinful people, be crucified, and rise from the dead on the third day." [8] Then the women remembered what Jesus had said. [9] The women left the tomb and told all these things to the eleven apostles and the other followers. [10] It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and some other women who told the apostles everything that had happened at the tomb. [11] But they did not believe the women, because it sounded like nonsense. [12] But Peter got up and ran to the tomb. Bending down and looking in, he saw only the cloth that Jesus' body had been wrapped in. Peter went away to his home, wondering about what had happened. [13] That same day two of Jesus' followers were going to a town named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. [14] They were talking about everything that had happened. [15] While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself came near and began walking with them, [16] but they were kept from recognizing Him. [17] Then He said, "What are these things you are talking about while you walk?" The two followers stopped, looking very sad. [18] The one named Cleopas answered, "Are You the only visitor in Jerusalem who does not know what just happened there?" [19] Jesus said to them, "What are you talking about?" They said, "About Jesus of Nazareth. He was a prophet who said and did many powerful things before God and all the people. [20] Our leaders and the leading priests handed Him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified Him. [21] But we were hoping that He would free Israel. Besides this, it is now the third day since this happened. [22] And today some women among us amazed us. Early this morning they

went to the tomb, [23] but they did not find His body there. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels who said that Jesus was alive! [24] So some of our group went to the tomb, too. They found it just as the women said, but they did not see Jesus." [25] Then Jesus said to them, "You are foolish and slow to believe everything the prophets said. [26] They said that the Christ must suffer these things before He enters his glory." [27] Then starting with what Moses and all the prophets had said about Him, Jesus began to explain everything that had been written about Himself in the Scriptures. [28] They came near the town of Emmaus, and Jesus acted as if He were going farther. [29] But they begged Him, "Stay with us, because it is late; it is almost night." So He went in to stay with them. [30] When Jesus was at the table with them, He took some bread, gave thanks, divided it, and gave it to them. [31] And then, they were allowed to recognize Jesus. But when they saw who He was, He disappeared. [32] They said to each other, "It felt like a fire burning in us when Jesus talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us." [33] So the two followers got up at once and went back to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven apostles and others gathered. [34] They were saying, "The Lord really has risen from the dead! He showed Himself to Simon." [35] Then the two followers told what had happened on the road and how they recognized Jesus when He divided the bread.

Love you,
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