

Digging Deeper: Knowledge for Good

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THE MAIN THEME

God does not give knowledge so that we become superior, prideful, or self-focused. True biblical knowledge is meant to be **received humbly, stewarded wisely, and expressed lovingly**. When knowledge is separated from love, it becomes harmful; when knowledge is guided by love, it becomes a force for good. Followers of Jesus are called not just to know more, but to **use what we know to reflect God's heart and bless others**.

VERSE OF THE WEEK

1 Corinthians 8:1

"Knowledge puffs up while love builds up."

WHAT NOT TO MISS

1. Knowledge Is a Gift from God

Wisdom and understanding come from the Lord. Knowledge is entrusted to us, not earned for personal gain.

2. Knowledge Without Love Is Dangerous

When knowledge is disconnected from humility and compassion, it leads to pride, division, and harm.

3. Love Determines How Knowledge Is Used

The real measure of knowledge is not how much we know, but how our knowledge impacts others.

4. Knowledge Brings Responsibility

What we know increases our responsibility to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.

5. Knowledge for Good Reflects the Way of Jesus

Jesus used divine knowledge not to dominate, but to heal, teach, restore, and serve.

LIFE APPLICATION

Ask yourself this week:

How am I using what God has allowed me to know?

Rather than using knowledge to win arguments or elevate ourselves, God invites us to use it to encourage, protect, guide, and love others. True spiritual maturity is revealed not by information, but by **transformed lives**.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL

MONDAY — Knowledge Begins with Humility

Read: Proverbs 1:7

Reflect: Reverence for God is the foundation of true wisdom.

Pray: “Lord, keep my heart humble as You teach me.”

TUESDAY — Knowledge Guided by Love

Read: 1 Corinthians 13:1–2

Reflect: Knowledge is empty without love.

Pray: “Shape my understanding with compassion.”

WEDNESDAY — Knowledge Requires Action

Read: James 4:17

Reflect: Knowing what is right brings responsibility to act.

Pray: “Help me live out what I know to be true.”

THURSDAY — Jesus, Our Example

Read: John 13:3–5

Reflect: Jesus used His authority and knowledge to serve others.

Pray: “Teach me to serve like You.”

FRIDAY — Knowledge That Builds Others

Read: Colossians 3:12–14

Reflect: Love binds everything together in unity.

Pray: “Use my life to build others up.”

FACILITATOR TIPS

- Ask: *“Where do we see knowledge misused today?”*
- Encourage reflection on personal tendencies toward pride or defensiveness.
- Emphasize that growth in knowledge should always lead to growth in love.
- Create space for humility, prayer, and honest conversation.

THIS WEEK’S CHALLENGE

Identify **one way** you can intentionally use your knowledge for good this week:

- Encourage someone
- Offer wise counsel gently
- Choose humility instead of being “right”
- Serve someone quietly

Then follow through.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why does knowledge so easily lead to pride?
2. How does 1 Corinthians 8:1 reshape our understanding of spiritual maturity?
3. What does it look like to balance truth and love well?
4. How did Jesus model “knowledge for good” in His ministry?
5. Where are you tempted to use knowledge defensively or selfishly?
6. How can our group grow in both wisdom and love?
7. What responsibility comes with knowing God’s truth?
8. How can knowledge become a blessing rather than a burden to others?

PRAYER POINTS

CONNECT

Thank God for the gift of wisdom and truth.

CARE

Pray for hearts that are gentle, teachable, and loving.

CULTIVATE

Ask God to align knowledge with humility and compassion.

COMMISSION

Pray that God would use us as instruments of truth and love in the world.

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, thank You for the gift of knowledge and understanding. Guard our hearts from pride and misuse. Teach us to steward what we know with humility, wisdom, and love. May everything we learn lead us to love You more and serve others better. Use our lives as instruments of knowledge for good. Amen.