How to Boast

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- **23** Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty *man* glory in his might, Nor let the rich *man* glory in his riches; **24** But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I *am* the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,” says the LORD. **25** “Behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, “that I will punish all *who are* circumcised with the uncircumcised

- *Boast* in the NKJV and other versions is *glory* in the KJV. In the Hebrew it is *halal,* which means to be clear; to shine; to boast, celebrate or praise.

- **Psalm 34:1-2 -** I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth. **2** My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; The humble shall hear *of it* and be glad.

- **Galatians 6:14 -** [14] But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

- *Know* or *knows* in the Hebrew is *yada,* which means observation, care, recognition, instruction, designation

- When you are Biblically illiterate you are Jesus illiterate. When you are Biblically starved you are Jesus starved and spiritually weak.

- We have conviction for the promises of God but never the holiness and righteousness of God.

- **Proverbs 9:10 -** **10** “The fear of the Lord *is* the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One *is* understanding.

- “You cannot truly love God, until you first fear God.”

- You will never possess any wisdom, especially the spiritual or heavenly wisdom James talks about in chapter 3, until you first fear the Lord.

- **Matthew 10:28 -** **28** And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

- John 3:18-20 - **18** “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. **19** And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. **20** For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

- “Faith is an organ of knowledge and love an organ of experience.” – A.W. Tozer

- **1 John 4:17-19 -** **17** Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. **18** There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. **19** We love Him because He first loved us.

- *Understand* in the Hebrew is *sakal*, which means to be or act circumspect and hence intelligent.

- 1 Samuel 4 tells the story of Israel fighting the Philistines and losing the Ark of the Covenant. – They did not understand God; they simply wanted to use God.

- Psalm 139:23-24 - **23** Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; **24** And see if *there is any* wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

- **24** Point out anything in me that offends you… (NLT)
- **24** And see if there is any wicked *or* hurtful way in me…(AMP)

- Biblically illiterate Christians are Jesus adjacent Christians.

- The Bible will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from the Bible. – D.L. Moody

- **Philippians 3:8-11 -** **8** Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ **9** and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; **10** that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, **11** if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

- Verses 10-11 - “Saving grace is a faith that moves you” – J. Vernon McGee

- **James 2:18 -** **18** But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

- Faith should always produce two things in our lives.
- The first thing faith produces is repentance.
- The second thing faith produces is obedience through relationship.

- Philippians 3:10-11 - **10** *And this, so* that I may know Him [experientially, becoming more thoroughly acquainted with Him, understanding the remarkable wonders of His Person more completely] and [in that same way experience] the power of His resurrection [which overflows and is active in believers], and [that I may share] the fellowship of His sufferings, by being *continually* conformed [inwardly into His likeness even] to His death [dying as He did]; **11** so that I may attain to the resurrection [that will raise me] from the dead. (AMP)

- Whosoever will reign with Christ in heaven, must have Christ reigning in him on earth. – John Wesley