

How Much Do You Know?

Knowledge – facts, information, and skills acquired by a person through experience or education; the theoretical or practical understanding of a subject.

What does the bible say about knowledge?

Proverbs 4:7 (NKJV) - Wisdom *is* the principal thing; Therefore, get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.

- **Understanding** – *biynah* – knowledge gained; the ability to discern or distinguish; (*to gain knowledge of something...and how it works*)

Consider these two verses as well:

1 Corinthians 8:1,2 (NASB): Now concerning food sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes one conceited, but love edifies people. If anyone thinks that he knows anything, he has not yet known as he ought to know.

1 Corinthians 8:2 (NLT): Anyone who claims to know all the answers doesn't really know very much.

1 Corinthians 13:9 states: "For we know in part and we prophesy in part..."

- **Part** - *meros* - a portion or lot; one of the constituent's parts of a whole

We see in scripture that attaining wisdom and knowledge is very important, but we are also reminded that our knowledge is incomplete at best.

1. Knowledge can become a disadvantage whenever it supersedes the knowledge of God.
 - **Proverbs 3:5,6 (NASB)** – Trust in the Lord with all your heart. And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and he will make your paths straight.
 - **2 Cor. 10:5 (NIV)** – We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.
2. Knowledge can become a disadvantage when it leads to someone being “right or wise in their own eyes”:
 - **Proverbs 21:2** - Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the heart.
 - **Proverbs 12:15** - The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.
 - **Proverbs 3:7** - Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and turn away from evil.
 - **Proverbs 26:12** - Do you see a man who is wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.



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Two elements that are important in preventing “right in your own eyes” syndrome:

1. Humility - a **recognition** that you do not have all of the answers
2. A **teachable** spirit - a **willingness** to be shown the answers

Text: James 4:6-10

“God is **opposed** to the **proud**, but gives **grace** to the **humble**.” **7 Submit** therefore to God. But **resist** the devil, and he will flee from you. **8** Come close to God and He will come close to you. Cleanse *your* hands, you sinners; and purify *your* hearts, you double-minded. **9** Be miserable, and mourn, and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning, and your joy into gloom. **10** Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

Humility - Verse 6,10

- **Proud** - *hyperephanos* - showing one's self **above** others; “shining” above others
- **Opposed** - *antitasso* - to **fight** against an opponent;
- **Grace** - *charis* - unmerited **favor** and lovingkindness
- **Humble** - *tapeinos* - **low** to the ground

A Teachable Spirit - Verse 7,8

- **Submit** - *hupatasso* - to subject one's self to obey; to **yield** to one's admonition; to be under someone.
- **Resist** - *anthistemi* - **stand** against; hold your ground; don't move an inch; the opposite of running away or giving in.
- **Proximity** – Draw close to God and He will come close to you. The first step belongs to you.
 - **Cleanse** your hands
 - **Purify** your hearts

Operating in humility and love creates a necessary prevention strategy against pride and arrogance.

1 Cor. 8:1 - “...we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge ^[a]makes arrogant, but love edifies.”