

Knowledge and Wisdom

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Knowledge is an accumulation of experiences and facts — it is knowing what to do. Wisdom is the ability to arrange and evaluate these experiences and facts so that they can be best utilized — it is knowing how to do it. Knowledge comes, but wisdom tarries. The man who knows the most is not necessarily the man who is the wisest.

Understanding is more than knowledge. It holds a close kinship with wisdom. Understanding knows with the heart as well as the head. It involves the emotions. It possesses compassion, and imagination.

Comprehension is the process of taking in knowledge and wisdom. The level of your comprehension is the measure of your intake of ideas. Like understanding, it involves the emotions and the imagination. People with poverty of the emotions and the imagination may have great clarity and superiority of comprehension of cold facts and their interrelationship, but be very poor in powers of discerning another's inward griefs, or their need.

Awareness is a stronger word than comprehension for taking in impressions of your surroundings. It utilizes man's total consciousness, of body, soul, and spirit. Its penetration and evaluation is deeper and more accurate than the mere action of the five senses. Awareness reaches its fullest attainment in extra — sensory perception. It is through this channel and function of awareness that God speaks to our hearts. We live and move in a dual realm, the seen and the unseen. A person keenly aware is the only person truly and abundantly alive. So many of us are in so many ways only half alive.

A wise man is a man who knows things, and who utilizes and uses the wisdom, knowledge, and experiences that are stored in his mind, heart, and memory.

An ignorant man is an uninformed man. More than that, he is a person that resists enlightenment. You cannot tell him anything. He has a closed mind, and prefers it that way. Much of his thinking is in a state of stalemate. He is undisciplined in his pride.

An uninformed man, however, is only a man who has never yet been told. He has not been informed. He will become an ignorant man, or a wise man, depending on whether he maintains an open or a closed mind. I am afraid that very few people maintain a completely open mind.

I am afraid too many of us have never really grown up. We have merely deteriorated into adulthood. What caricatures we are of what we might have been! The good Samaritan was a mature man. Perhaps he did not think too much in his head, but in his heart he knew what he was in the world for. He had knowledge, wisdom, comprehension, and awareness. He was neither uninformed, nor an ignoramus.

SANCTIFICATION

by Rev. Isaiah Reid

Holiness or entire sanctification is the application of redemption to the depraved, corrupt nature in which we were born. It is that feature of salvation which lies back of pardon—which is for an act—and back of justification, which refers to our adjusted relations: it relates to our depravity. For the inheritance of our depravity we are not responsible. We never committed the sin that produced it, and can not repent of being so born, nor seek pardon for it. God's remedy is cleansing, called "entire sanctification, 'holiness,' 'perfect love.' On the side of man it is through consecration and faith. On the part of God it is the application of the cleansing blood. Entire sanctification makes us morally pure from our inherited depravity. It destroys the old man of sin, the carnal mind.

"MY PREFERENCE"

I'd rather see a sermon
Than hear one any day;
I'd rather one would walk with me
Than merely tell the way.
The eye's a better pupil and
More willing than the ear;
Fine counsel is confusing
But example's always clear.
The best of all the preachers are
The men who live their creeds;
For to see good put in action is
What everybody needs.
I soon can learn to do it if
You'll let me see it done;
I can watch your hands in action, but
Your tongue too fast may run.
The lectures you deliver may
Be very wise and true;
But I'd rather get my lesson by
Observing what you do.
I may not understand
The high advice you give,
But there's not misunderstanding how
You act and how you live.
When I see a deed of kindness,
I'm eager to be kind;
When a weaker brother stumbles, and
A strong man stays behind,
Just to see if he can help you; then
The wish grows strong with me,
To become as big and thoughtful as
I know that friend to be.
All travellers can witness that
The best of guides today
Is not the one who tells them, but
The one who shows the way.
One good man teaches many, men
Believe what they are told.
Who stands with men of honor, learns
To hold his honor dear;
For right living speaks a language which
To everyone is clear.
Though an able speaker charms me with
His eloquence, I say
I'd rather see a sermon than
To hear one any day.

—Author Unknown

DO YOU KNOW

- (1) That Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible, which has 176 verses?
- (2) That the shortest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 117, which has two verses?
- (3) That Esther 8:9 is the longest verse in the Bible, containing 90 words?
And that the shortest verse in the Bible is John 11:35, containing two words.
- (4) The eighth verse of Psalm 118 is the middle verse of the Bible?
- (5) That the 37th Chapter of Isaiah and the 19th chapter of the Second Book of Kings are practically alike?

"A missionary is one who is sent, whether he be sent across the ocean or only across the street. Missionary work is not a matter of mileage but of obedience. Some people are concerned for souls ten thousands of miles away but exhibit little concern for the perishing in their own town or street."

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