

“Ignorance is bliss.”

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⁵For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

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⁸For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. —2 Peter 1:5-9 ESV

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“Virtue is what God does in us to change the world around us.”

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Virtue is my awareness and acceptance of God’s on-going work in shaping my character to validate my faith and bring honor to His name.

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²³Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, ²⁴but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD.” —Jeremiah 9:23-24 ESV

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“We must observe that the knowledge of God which we are invited to cultivate is not that which, resting satisfied with empty speculation, only flutters in the brain, but a knowledge which will prove substantial and fruitful whenever it is duly perceived and rooted in the heart.”

—John Calvin

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“Information is not knowledge.”

—Albert Einstein

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Why pursue the knowledge of God?

Enlarges My Worship

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⁹The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil... ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.

—Genesis 2:9b, 17 ESV

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As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance...

—1 Peter 1:14 ESV

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¹⁷Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. —Ephesians 4:17-18 ESV

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²¹And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him...

—Colossians 1:21-22 ESV

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³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor? ³⁵Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid? ³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

—Romans 11:33-36 ESV

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Why pursue the knowledge of God?
Upgrades My Discernment

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The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. —Proverbs 1:7 ESV

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¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. —Romans 12:1-2 ESV

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Why pursue the knowledge of God?
Shifts My Focus

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And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

—Romans 8:28 ESV

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My life is just a weaving
Between the Lord and me.
I cannot change the color
For He works most steadily.

Oft times He weaves the sorrow
And I in foolish pride
Forget He sees the upper
And I the underside.

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Until the loom is silent
And the shuttle cease to fly,
Will God roll back the canvas
And explain the reason why.

The dark threads are as needful
In the skillful Weaver's Hand
As the golden threads of silver
He has patterned in His Plan.

—Benjamin Malacia Franklin

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Why pursue the knowledge of God?

Reduces My Fears

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For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. —2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV

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“We don't know WHY, but we do know WHO.” —Dr. Frank Page

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Why pursue the knowledge of God?
Equips Me for Spiritual Battle

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³For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. ⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.

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⁵We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, ⁶being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.

—2 Corinthians 10:3-6 ESV

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Ephesians 6:10-17

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...sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God... —Ephesians 6:17 ESV

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“If I were the devil, one of my first aims would be to stop folk from digging into the Bible. Knowing that it is the Word of God, teaching men to know and love and serve the God of the Word, I should do all I could to surround it with the spiritual equivalent of pits, thorn hedges, and man traps to frighten people off...”

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“At all costs I should want to keep them from using their minds in a disciplined way to get the measure of its message.”

—Quote by J.I Packer in
Spiritual Disciplines
by Donald Whitney

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- Enlarges My Worship
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...¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. —Ephesians 4:13-14 ESV

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And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. —John 17:3 ESV

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²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin...
²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...
—Romans 3:20, 23 ESV

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...but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. —Romans 5:8 ESV

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I write these things to you who
believe in the name of the Son
of God that you may know
that you have eternal life.

—1 John 5:13 ESV

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