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## ***The Knowledge of God***

“MY SON, if you will receive my words and treasure up my commandments within you, Making your ear attentive to skillful and godly Wisdom and inclining and directing your heart and mind to understanding [applying all your powers to the quest for it]; Yes, if you cry out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, If you seek [Wisdom] as for silver and search for skillful and godly Wisdom as for hidden treasures, Then you will understand the reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of [our omniscient] God.”

Proverbs 2:1 - 5 AMPC

The knowledge of God is not just about verbalizing all the memory verses nor talking about facts of what we've been taught. It is a personal and experiential knowing of God. Because the true knowledge of God brings transformation and causes us to live a lifestyle that is godly and holy.

Everyone of us, regardless of who we are, is called to know God intimately and search Him out fervently with all that we are. We were made by God for God.

He is the one who puts in our hearts the hunger and thirst to know Him if we willingly desire for it. And God delights in making Himself known to us.

Deception is creeping into (if not already crept in) the church today centered around the question "Who is Jesus?" Today, we hear preachers and pastors deny the deity and historical existence of Jesus. We hear them downplay His second coming and the events that will surround His return.

Even Jesus himself asked the question in Matthew 16:13 "Who do men say that I am?" The narrative continues with "So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

Matthew 16:14 NKJV

It was a "he said, she said" response instead of having a direct revelation from Father God through the Holy Spirit.

So how do we fight against this deceiving spirit? By gaining living knowledge of God. Knowing Jesus means having an **ongoing, ever-increasing, ever-deepening, personal relationship with a man who is God**. And it involves Proverbs 2 pathway in order to discover the fear of the Lord and find the true / right knowledge of God.