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How to Cultivate the Knowledge of God - Proverbs 2

FIVE CONDITIONS FOR CULTIVATING THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD (PROV. 2:1-5).

- Many have not learned the knowledge of God. Let us look at Proverbs 2. Let us decide to go deep in God.

1If you receive My words, and treasure My commands within you, 2so that you incline your ear to wisdom... 3If you cry out for discernment... 4If you seek her as silver and... hidden treasures; 5then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. (Prov. 2:1-5)

- Condition #1: We set our heart to walk in full obedience (if you will receive My words v. 1a). To receive His words means to obey them instead of refusing or neglecting them.

1If you will receive My words... (Prov. 2:1a)

1. Loving Jesus must be on His terms, including a spirit of obedience (Jn. 14:15). The Spirit is the only One who can reveal Jesus to us. If He is quenched or grieved (Eph. 4:30; 1 Thes. 5:19), we will not grow in revelation.

15If you love Me, keep My commandments. (Jn. 14:15)

2. Prayer and fasting are necessary, but they are not a substitute for obedience.

- Condition #2: We meditate on His Word (if you will treasure My commands, v. 1b). In the Old Testament, God's commands, statutes, or precepts are often other ways of referring to His Word. We treasure God's commands by filling our mind with His Word.

1If you will...treasure My commands [Word] within you... (Prov. 2:1b)

- We dialogue with Jesus as a person—we have conversation with Him—as we meditate on the Scriptures. It is not enough to study the Word—we must give our heart to God and receive from Him as we read it. Scripture gives us the “conversational material” for our prayer life.
- Condition #3: We must have a teachable spirit and an open heart (if you incline your ear to wisdom, v. 2). This speaks of humbling our heart to learn from the Word instead of resisting its meaning or limiting it to only one small facet in our understanding of it. The Lord can bring those who are humble into more truth about Him. Many who are zealous for God lack a teachable, humble spirit. We easily pick up biases from those we grew up with.

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2If you...incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding... (Prov. 2:2)

- Condition #4: We ask for more revelation of God (if you cry out for understanding, v. 3). We must actually pray for revelation of God (Mt. 7:7-8; Eph. 1:17).

3Yes, if you cry out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding... (Prov. 2:3)

7Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

8For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds... (Mt. 7:7-8)

17That the... Father of glory may give... revelation in the knowledge of Him... (Eph. 1:17)

- Condition #5: We are to be diligent in our pursuit of God (search for her as treasures, v. 4) and to pay any price in seeking for more of God. We must spend long hours in our search for God. There is a deep correlation between the amount of time we spend with Jesus and the measure of encounter that we have with Him.

4If you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures... (Prov. 2:4)

- Jesus is our greatest treasure, but is “hidden” until we seek for more of Him with all our heart. The Spirit will escort us into the divine treasury of the magnificence and beauty of Jesus.

2Attaining to all the riches of...of Christ, 3in whom are hidden all the treasures... (Col. 2:2-3)

Prayer:

Father let me love you by loving your word... help me to seek you as hidden treasure... You made me your precious possession let me love as my most precious one by knowing you more and more....