



## You can't worship God beyond your understanding of him

*Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ Philippians 3:8*

*"Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. John 17:3 NIV*

*"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen. 2 Peter 3:18*

## How to Grow in Knowledge of God

### 1. Word of God

### 2. Holy Spirit - reveals Jesus to us

*When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me." John 15:26*

### 3. Nature

*"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." Psalms 19:1*

*"For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse." Romans 1:20*

### 4. Your Experiences

*"We will use these stones to build a memorial. In the future your children will ask you, 'What do these stones mean?' Then you can tell them, 'They remind us that the Jordan River stopped flowing when the Ark of the Lord's Covenant went across.' These stones will stand as a memorial among the people of Israel forever." Joshua 4:6-7*

It's Not Enough to Know God, You Must Please God!

God doesn't want your best; He wants what He likes.



Just because you know God, doesn't mean you automatically know how to please Him!

The reason why so many marriages suffer is that even though we know our partner but we don't seek to please them.

*"And try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord." Ephesians 5:10*

### **What Pleases God?**

#### **1. Mercy, Love, and Justice Please God.**

*He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:5 ESV*

#### **2. Faith Pleases God.**

*"And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him." Hebrews 11:6*

#### **3. Sharing Our Faith Pleases God.**

*"But just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts." 1 Thessalonians 2:4*

#### **4. Obeying Parents Pleases God.**

*"Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord." Colossians 3:20*

#### **5. Generosity Pleases God.**

*"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." Hebrews 13:16*

#### **6. Flesh Can't Please God.**

*"Those who are in the flesh cannot please God." Romans 8:8*

You can't have intimacy with God unless you please God.

Prayer does not produce fruit in your life; intimacy does.

You can pray without intimacy.