

TRULY KNOWING GOD

Philippians 3:8-11

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THE BIG IDEA: Truly knowing God is more valuable than anything else, and our knowing Him is developed in prayer.

PRAYING SCRIPTURE LEADS US TO KNOW GOD AS OUR LORD

- **A person who is truly a born again Christian should have as their greatest desire a compelling drive to know Jesus as Lord as well as Saviour.**
- *“More than that, I also consider everything to be a loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.”* (Philippians 3:8a)
- **Living under the Lordship of Jesus leads us to experience the truest form of freedom possible.**
- *“If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. 9 Christ died and returned to life for this: that he might be Lord over both the dead and the living.”* (Romans 14:8-9)

PRAYING SCRIPTURE LEADS US TO KNOW GOD AS OUR SOLID FOUNDATION

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- **No matter what we may face in this life, when we are in Christ we can stand firm knowing the Lord will give us victory.**
- *“Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain fell, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and pounded that house. Yet it didn’t collapse, because its foundation was on the rock.”* (Matthew 7:24-25)
- **Praying the Bible keeps God’s promises in front of us so we can stand firm in all circumstances.**

PRAYING SCRIPTURE LEADS US TO KNOW GOD AS OUR DELIVERER

- *“My goal is to know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death...”* (Philippians 3:10)
- **God never promises that we won’t go through difficult situations, BUT He does promise that He will be with us and deliver us.**
- *“The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, and rescues them from all their troubles. 18 The Lord is near the brokenhearted; he saves those crushed in spirit.”* (Psalm 34:17-18)

PRAYING SCRIPTURE LEADS US TO KNOW GOD AS OUR HOPE

- *“...assuming that I will somehow reach the resurrection from among the dead.”* (Philippians 3:8-11)
- **As we pray the Bible we are constantly reminded that our current sufferings are only temporary and that God is our Protector and Redeemer.**
- *“Rest in God alone, my soul, for my hope comes from him. 6 He alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold; I will not be shaken. 7 My salvation and glory depend on God, my strong rock. My refuge is in God. 8 Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts before him. God is our refuge. Selah”* (Psalm 62:5-8)
- **Hope, Peace, Strength, Security, and Redemption are all found in praying the Bible.**