

Lesson 6 - How the Knowledge of God Changes our Homes
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Introduction: The knowledge of God changes lives!

- A. There is no greater goal than to help and lead our family members to heaven.
 - 1. The development of the character and faith of an individual is a goal that any honest person would find themselves wanting help. (**Judges 13:8**)
 - 2. As I raise my children I often think of the challenges I presented to my parents.
 - 3. There will be no greater reward for me than to give my family and myself to the Lord for eternity! (**1 Sam 1:11**)
- B. We have wonderful things to meditate upon when we know God! (**Ps 63:6; 139:1-4**)
 - 1. The presence of God should be a great comfort to us. (**Isa 58:2**)
 - 2. This every day view of God allows us to be instant in prayer and praise.
 - 3. Over time we will be greatly changed. (**Rom 8:29**)

I. My life must reflect the nature of God

- A. My knowledge of His holiness humbles me to seek His ways. (**Ps 18:21-23**)
 - 1. To serve a holy God I must seek His holiness. (**1 Pt 1:15-16**)
 - 2. The path to holiness is molded by the longsuffering, love and forgiveness of God. We are pursuing Him as our Father as a young man imitates his dad.
- B. How can we build a foundation on the knowledge of God? (**Col 1:9-10**)
 - 1. There is a way of thinking that changes us.
 - 2. Where do I find my self-worth? Consider several questions.
 - a. What do I boast in? (**Jer 9:23-24**)
 - b. Who do I identify myself with? (**1 Cor 1:12**)
 - c. Whose traditions do I follow? (**John 8:38-39**)
 - d. Whose glory do I really want? (**John 5:42-44; 12:42-43**)

II. My marriage relationship must reflect the character of God

- A. Jesus describes His relationship with us by using marriage! (**Eph 5:25-27**)
 - 1. Everything we have studied about God should now become the building blocks for our home. Holiness, zealous love, righteous anger and longsuffering should be reflected in our character.
 - 2. How did Jesus manifest the character of God? He was a servant. (**Mk 10:45; Mt 20:27-28**)
- B. The home is a place to serve others. (**Prov 31:10-12**)
 - 1. This is why worldliness cannot work in the home! Marriage is for three.
 - 2. When we raise children to be friends of the world then they will not be good mates.
 - 3. What a great place the home is when filled with faith and service. It becomes a place for healing, learning and praise.
- C. Do you look out to your mates needs first? (**1 Cor 7:3-5**)
 - 1. I am so glad to be needed and to be able to serve. This is real fulfillment in life!

2. There is no greater joy than to look back on your life and see unselfish service. **(Phil 2:17-18)**
 3. To be a servant I must get out of myself. Let us look to the example of Jesus! **(2 Cor 8:9; Lk 9:26-27)**
 4. I have found great personal strength in remembering the service of my own parents.
- D. We need husbands and wives standing in God's ways. **(Heb 12:2-4)**
1. We need men who are men. They will stand and take responsibility. They will lead. **(Eph 6:4)**
 2. We need women who will put their homes as their first priority. **(Titus 2:4-5)**
 3. You will be out of step with the worldly. Your children will bless you for it.

III. The home is where we introduce our children to God

- A. It is very sobering when you realize that your child's first impression of God will come from what he sees in you. Think about it.
 1. Those from good homes can understand God as a father. **(Heb 12:6-7)**
 2. God also likened Himself to a mother with her children.
- B. It starts with our knowledge of God! **(Deut 6:4-6)**
 1. Consider the kind of commitment it will take. **(Deut 6:7-9)**
 2. A godly parent will find a thousand ways to teach their children.
 3. Are you a parent? You are a teacher. Be the best you can be.
 4. My brother and I were deeply impressed by the faith of our mother. **(2 Tim 1:5)**
- C. Satan seeks to pervert the image of the one true God. **(Jn 8:44)**
 1. Do you have these kinds of conversations with your children? Do you ever talk about the character of God? If you won't then Satan will.
 3. When good things come into our home let's talk about God! Is your home a house of praise? **(Ps 28:6-7)**
- D. We continually seek wisdom in how we lead our children.
 1. Some of the greatest opportunity for growth comes when our children suffer. If I was hurting I would call out for "daddy" or "mama!"
 2. The home should be like God who will help us heal. **(Heb 12:9, 12-13)**
 3. In my home my occasion for hurting was also an occasion to gain wisdom. Sometimes the hurting came from my parents so that I might learn! **(Prov 1:8, 10, 15; 2:1)**
- E. You children will know if you really know God.
 1. How do you think Solomon viewed the last words of his father David? **(1 Chron 28:9)**
 2. Our children will know when we mean it. Also we can reflect God's glory in our lives for the great benefit of our children.
 3. The future of the church will be determined by how we conduct our homes.
 4. What will be your thoughts on your death bed?

Conclusion: May we all be blessed by the powerful knowledge of our great God!