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· Essentially, knowledge means, familiarity with facts acquired by personal experience, observation, or study. The Bible strongly urges the seeking for and treasuring of right knowledge, recommending it rather than gold.

· Take my discipline and not silver, and **knowledge** rather than choice gold. (**Proverbs 8:10**)

· There exists gold, also an abundance of corals, but the lips of **knowledge** are precious vessels. (**Proverbs 20:15**)

· Jesus stressed the importance of truly knowing him and his Father, and **knowledge** is repeatedly emphasized in the books of the **Christian Greek Scriptures**.

· This means everlasting life, their taking in **knowledge** of you, the only true God, and of the one whom you sent forth, Jesus Christ. (**John 17:3**)

· And this is what I continue praying, that your love may abound yet more and more with accurate **knowledge** and full discernment. (**Philippians 1:9**)

· No, but go on growing in the undeserved kindness and **knowledge** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. (**2 Peter 3:18**)

· Source Of Knowledge

· Yehowah is actually the basic Source of **knowledge**. Life, of course, is from him and life is essential for ones having any **knowledge**.

- For with you is the source of life, by light from you we can see light. (**Psalms 36:9**)
- Neither is he attended to by human hands as if he needed anything, because he himself gives to all persons life and breath and all things. (**Acts of Apostles 17:25**)
- For by him we have life and move and exist, even as certain ones of the poets among you have said; For we are also his progeny. (**Acts of Apostles 17:28**)
- Furthermore, God created all things, so human **knowledge** is based on a study of God's handiwork.
- You are worthy, Yehowah, even our God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power, because you created all things, and because of your will they existed and were created. (**Revelation 4:11**)
- The heavens are declaring the glory of God, and of the work of his hands the expanse is telling. (**Psalms 19:1**)
- One day after another day causes speech to bubble forth, and one night after another night shows forth **knowledge**. (**Psalms 19:2**)
- God also inspired his written Word, from which man can learn the divine will and purposes.
- All Scripture is inspired of God and beneficial for teaching, for reproof, for setting things straight, for disciplining in righteousness. (**2 Timothy 3:16**)
- That the man of God may be fully competent, completely equipped for every good work. (**2 Timothy 3:17**)
- Thus the focal point of all true **knowledge** is Yehowah, and a person seeking it ought to have a fear of God that makes him careful not to incur Yehowah's displeasure. Such fear is the beginning of knowledge.
- The fear of Yehowah is the beginning of **knowledge**. Wisdom and discipline are what mere fools have despised. (**Proverbs 1:7**)

- Such godly fear puts one in position to gain accurate **knowledge**, whereas those who do not consider God readily draw wrong conclusions from the things that they observe.
- The Bible repeatedly links Yehowah and **knowledge**, calling him a God of **knowledge** and describing him as **perfect in knowledge**.
- Do not you people speak very haughtily so much, let nothing go forth unrestrained from your mouth, for a **God of knowledge** Yehowah is, and by him deeds are rightly estimated. (1 Samuel 2:3)
- For my words are for a fact no falsehood, the One **perfect in knowledge** is with you. (Job 36:4)
- Do give ear to this, O Job. Stand still and show yourself attentive to the wonderful works of God. (Job 37:14)
- Do you know about the poisonings of the cloud, the wonderful works of the **One perfect in knowledge**? (Job 37:16)
- The role that Yehowah has assigned to his Son in the outworking of His purposes is of such importance that it can be said of Jesus,
- Carefully concealed in him are all the treasures of wisdom and of **knowledge**. (Colossians 2:3)
- Unless a person exercises faith in Jesus Christ as God's Son, he cannot grasp the real meaning of the Scriptures and see how God's purposes are working out in harmony with what He has foretold.
- One is helped to appreciate more fully the meaning and importance of **knowledge** by examining the Hebrew and Greek words often translated, **knowledge**, as well as by noting the relationship between **knowledge** and wisdom, understanding, thinking ability, and discernment.

·· Meaning Of Term

- In the Hebrew Scriptures a number of words or nouns, that can be translated, **knowledge**, are related to the basic verb *ya-dha`*, signifying **know**, by being told, **know**, by observing, **know**, by personal acquaintance or experience, or be experienced, skillful.

- The exact shade of meaning, and often the way each word should be translated, must be determined by the context. For instance, God said that he **knew** Abraham and so was sure that that man of faith would command his offspring correctly.
- Yehowah was not saying simply that he was aware that Abraham existed but, rather, that He had become well acquainted with Abraham, for he had observed Abraham's obedience and interest in true worship over many years.
- For I have become acquainted with him in order, that he may command his sons and his household after him so that they shall keep Yehowah's way to do righteousness and judgment, in order, that Yehowah may certainly bring upon Abraham what he has spoken about him. (**Genesis 18:19**) [NW, La]
- And he went on to say; Do not put out your hand against the boy and do not do anything at all to him, for now I do **know** that you are God-fearing in that you have not withheld your son, your only one, from me. (**Genesis 22:12**)

See Also YEHOWAH (Early Use of the Name and Its Meaning)

- As with the verb *ya-dha`'*, **know**, the principal **Hebrew** word rendered, **knowledge** *da`'ath* carries the basic idea of knowing facts or having information, but at times it includes more than that. For example,
- Hear the word of Yehowah, O sons of Israel, for Yehowah has a legal case with the inhabitants of the land, for there is no truth nor loving-kindness nor **knowledge** of God in the land. (**Hosea 4:1**)
- My people will certainly be silenced, because there is no **knowledge**. Because the **knowledge** is what you yourself have rejected, I shall also reject you from serving as a priest to me, and because you keep forgetting the Law of your God, I shall forget your sons, even I. (**Hosea 4:6**)
- Says that at a certain time there was no **knowledge of God** in Israel. That does not mean that the people were not aware that Yehowah was God and that he had delivered and led the Israelites in the past.

- To me they keep crying, O my God, we, Israel, have known you. (**Hosea 8:2**)
- But by their course of murdering, stealing, and committing adultery, they showed that they rejected real **knowledge** because they were not acting in harmony with it.
- There are the pronouncing of curses and practicing of deception and murdering and stealing and committing of adultery that have broken forth, and acts of bloodshed have touched other acts of bloodshed. (**Hosea 4:2**)
- *Ya-dha`* sometimes denotes sexual intercourse, as at;
- Afterward Cain had **intercourse** with his wife and she became pregnant and gave birth to Enoch. Then he engaged in building a city and called the city's name by the name of his son Enoch. (**Genesis 4:17**)
- Where some translations render it literally **knew**, **KJ, S, Ro**, whereas others suitably say that Cain **had intercourse** with his wife. **AT, Mo, NW**. The **Greek** verb *gi-no'sko* is used similarly at;
- But he had no **intercourse** with her until she gave birth to a son, and he called his name Jesus. (**Matthew 1:25**)
- But Mary said to the angel; How is this to be, since I am having **no intercourse** with a man? (**Luke 1:34**)
- After Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit.
- But as for the tree of the **knowledge** of good and bad you must not eat from it, for in the day you eat from it you will positively die. (**Genesis 2:17**)
- For God knows that in the very day of your eating from it your eyes are bound to be opened and you are bound to be like God, knowing good and bad. (**Genesis 3:5**)
- Consequently the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was something to be longed for to the eyes, yes, the tree was desirable to look upon. So she began taking of its fruit and eating it. Afterward she gave some also to her husband when with her and he began eating it. (**Genesis 3:6**)

- **Yehowah said to his associate in creative work.**
- **In the beginning the Word was, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god. (John 1:1)**
- **This one was in the beginning with God. (John 1:2)**
- **All things came into existence through him, and apart from him not even one thing came into existence. What has come into existence (John 1:3)**
- **Here the man has become like one of us in **knowing** good and bad.**
- **And Yehowah God went on to say; Here the man has become like one of us in **knowing** good and bad, and now in order, that he may not put his hand out and actually take fruit also from the tree of life and eat and live to time indefinite. (Genesis 3:22)**
- **This apparently did not mean merely having **knowledge** of what was good and what was bad for them, for the first man and woman had such knowledge by reason of God's commands to them. Furthermore, God's words at**
- **And Yehowah God went on to say; Here the man has become like one of us in **knowing** good and bad, and now in order, that he may not put his hand out and actually take fruit also from the tree of life and eat and live to time indefinite. (Genesis 3:22)**
- **Could not pertain to their now **knowing** what was bad by experience, for Yehowah said that they had become like him and he has not learned what is bad by doing it.**
- **They will still keep on thriving during gray-headedness, fat and fresh they will continue to be. (Psalms 92:14)**
- **To tell that Yehowah is upright. He is my Rock, in whom there is no unrighteousness. (Psalms 92:15)**
- **Evidently, Adam and Eve got to **know** what was good and what was bad in the special sense of now judging for themselves what was good and what was bad.**

- They were idolatrously placing their judgment above God's, disobediently becoming a Law to themselves, as it were, instead of obeying Yehowah, who has both the right and the wisdom necessary to determine good and bad.
- So their independent **knowledge**, or standard, of good and bad was not like that of Yehowah. Rather, it was one that led them to misery.
- I well know, O Yehowah, that to earthling man his way does not belong. It does not belong to man who is walking even to direct his step. (**Jeremiah 10:23**)
- In the **Christian Greek Scriptures** there are two words commonly translated, **knowledge**, *gno'sis* and *e-pi'gno-sis*. Both are related to the verb *gi-no'sko*, which means, **know, understand, perceive**.
- The way this verb is used in the Bible, though, shows that it can indicate a favorable relationship between the person and one he **knows**.
- But if anyone loves God, this one is **known** by him. (**1 Corinthians 8:3**)
- For all that, the solid foundation of God stays standing, having this seal: Yehowah **knows** those who belong to him. And: Let everyone naming the name of Yehowah renounce unrighteousness. (**2 Timothy 2:19**)
- **Knowledge** *gno'sis* is put in a very favorable light in the **Christian Greek Scriptures**. However, not all that men may call, **knowledge** is to be sought, because philosophies and views exist that are **falsely called knowledge**.
- O Timothy, guard what is laid up in trust with you, turning away from the empty speeches that violate what is holy and from the contradictions of the **falsely called knowledge**. (**1 Timothy 6:20**)
- The recommended **knowledge** is about God and his purposes.
- Yes, for this very reason, by your contributing in response all earnest effort, supply to your faith virtue, to your virtue **knowledge**. (**2 Peter 1:5**)

- This involves more than merely having facts, which many atheists have, a personal devotion to God and Christ is implied.
- This means everlasting life, their taking in **knowledge** of you, the only true God, and of the one whom you sent forth, Jesus Christ. (**John 17:3**)
- Simon Peter answered him; Lord, whom shall we go away to? You have sayings of everlasting life. (**John 6:68**)
- And we have believed and come to know that you are the Holy One of God. (**John 6:69**)
- Whereas having **knowledge**, information alone, might result in a feeling of superiority, our **knowing** the love of the Christ which surpasses **knowledge**, that is, knowing this love by experience because we are personally imitating his loving ways, will balance and give wholesome direction to our use of any information we may have gained.
- And to know the love of the Christ which surpasses **knowledge**, that you may be filled with all the fullness that God gives. (**Ephesians 3:19**)
- *E-pi'gno-sis*, a strengthened form of *gno'sister, e-pi'*, meaning **additional**, can often be seen from the context to mean, **exact, accurate, or full knowledge**.
- Thus Paul wrote about some who were learning, taking in **knowledge**, yet never able to come to an **accurate knowledge**, a real **knowledge**, **TC**, a **personal knowledge**, **Ro**, **clear, full knowledge**, of truth.
- For from these arise those men who slyly work their way into households and lead as their captives weak women loaded down with sins, led by various desires. (**2 Timothy 3:6**)
- Always learning and yet never able to come to an accurate **knowledge** of truth. (**2 Timothy 3:7**)
- He also prayed that ones in the Colossian congregation, who obviously had some **knowledge** of God's will, for they had become Christians, be filled with the **accurate knowledge** of his will in all wisdom and spiritual comprehension.

- That is also why we, from the day we heard of it, have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the **accurate knowledge** of his will in all wisdom and spiritual comprehension. (**Colossians 1:9**)
- Such **accurate knowledge** should be sought by all Christians
- That is why I also, since I have heard of the faith you have in the Lord Jesus and toward all the holy ones. (**Ephesians 1:15**)
- Do not cease giving thanks for you. I continue mentioning you in my prayers. (**Ephesians 1:16**)
- That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the **accurate knowledge** of him. (**Ephesians 1:17**)
- And this is what I continue praying, that your love may abound yet more and more with **accurate knowledge** and full discernment. (**Philippians 1:9**)
- This is fine and acceptable in the sight of our Savior, God. (**1 Timothy 2:3**)
- Whose will is that all sorts of men should be saved and come to an **accurate knowledge** of truth. (**1 Timothy 2:4**)
- It being important in putting on the new personality and in gaining peace.
- And clothe yourselves with the new personality, which through **accurate knowledge** is being made new according to the image of the One who created it. (**Colossians 3:10**)
- May undeserved kindness and peace be increased to you by an **accurate knowledge** of God and of Jesus our Lord. (**2 Peter 1:2**)

•• **Related Attributes**

- Frequently in the Bible, **knowledge** is linked with other attributes such as wisdom, understanding, discernment, and thinking ability.
- My son, if you will receive my sayings and treasure up my own

commandments with yourself. (**Proverbs 2:1**)

- So as to pay attention to wisdom with your ear, that you may incline your heart to discernment. (**Proverbs 2:2**)
- If, moreover, you call out for understanding itself and you give forth your voice for discernment itself. (**Proverbs 2:3**)
- If you keep seeking for it as for silver, and as for hid treasures you keep searching for it. (**Proverbs 2:4**)
- In that case you will understand the fear of Yehowah, and you will find the very **knowledge** of God. (**Proverbs 2:5**)
- For Yehowah himself gives wisdom, out of his mouth there are **knowledge** and discernment. (**Proverbs 2:6**)
- When wisdom enters into your heart and **knowledge** itself becomes pleasant to your very soul. (**Proverbs 2:10**)
- Thinking ability itself will keep guard over you, discernment itself will safeguard you. (**Proverbs 2:11**)
- Grasping the basic differences between these greatly illuminates many texts. It is to be **acknowledged**, though, that the original words involved cannot be said to match invariably certain English words.
- The setting and the use of a word affect the sense. Nonetheless, certain interesting differences emerge when one notes the Bible's references to knowledge, wisdom, understanding, discernment, and thinking ability.

•• **Wisdom**

- **Wisdom** is the **ability to put knowledge to work**, or to use it, the intelligent application of learning. A person might have considerable **knowledge** but not know how to use it because of lacking wisdom. Jesus linked wisdom with accomplishment in saying; **Wisdom** is proved righteous by its works.
- The Son of man did come eating and drinking, still people say; Look! A man gluttonous and given to drinking wine, a friend of tax collectors and sinners. All the same, **wisdom** is proved righteous by its works. (**Matthew 11:19**)

- **Solomon asked for and received from God not just **knowledge** but also **wisdom**.**
- **Give me now wisdom and **knowledge** that I may go out before this people and that I may come in, for who could judge this great people of yours? (2 Chronicles 1:10)**
- **And God continued giving Solomon wisdom and understanding in very great measure and a broadness of heart, like the sand that is upon the seashore. (1 Kings 4:29)**
- **And Solomon's wisdom was vaster than the wisdom of all the Orientals and than all the wisdom of Egypt. (1 Kings 4:30)**
- **And he was wiser than any other man, than Ethan the Ezrahite and Heman and Calcol and Darda the sons of Mahol, and his fame came to be in all the nations all around. (1 Kings 4:31)**
- **And he could speak three thousand proverbs, and his songs came to be a thousand and five. (1 Kings 4:32)**
- **And he would speak about the trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon to the hyssop that is coming forth on the wall, and he would speak about the beasts and about the flying creatures and about the moving things and about the fishes. (1 Kings 4:33)**
- **And they kept coming from all the peoples to hear Solomon's wisdom, even from all the kings of the earth who had heard of his wisdom. (1 Kings 4:34)**
- **In the case of two women who claimed the same child, Solomon had **knowledge** of a mothers devotion to her child, he displayed wisdom by using his **knowledge** to settle the dispute.**
- **At that time two women, prostitutes, got to come in to the king and stand before him. (1 Kings 3:16)**
- **Then the one woman said; Excuse me, my lord, I and this woman are dwelling in one house, so that I gave birth close by her in the house. (1 Kings 3:17)**
- **And it came about on the third day after I gave birth, this woman also proceeded to give birth. And we were together. There was**

no stranger with us in the house, no one but the two of us in the house. (1 Kings 3:18)

- Later the son of this woman died at night, because she lay upon him. (1 Kings 3:19)
- So she got up in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me while your slave girl herself was asleep and laid him in her own bosom, and her dead son she laid in my bosom. (1 Kings 3:20)
- When I got up in the morning to nurse my son, why, there he was dead. So I examined him closely in the morning, and, look! He did not prove to be my son that I had borne. (1 Kings 3:21)
- But the other woman said; No, but my son is the living one and your son is the dead one! All the while this woman was saying; No, but your son is the dead one and my son is the living one. And they kept on speaking before the king. (1 Kings 3:22)
- Finally the king said; This one is saying; This is my son, the living one, and your son is the dead one! And that one is saying; No, but your son is the dead one and my son is the living one! (1 Kings 3:23)
- And the king went on to say; You men, get me a sword. So they brought the sword before the king. (1 Kings 3:24)
- And the king proceeded to say; You men, sever the living child in two and give the one half to the one woman and the other half to the other. (1 Kings 3:25)
- At once the woman whose son was the living one said to the king, for her inward emotions were excited toward her son, so that she said; Excuse me, my lord! You men, give her the living child. Do not by any means put him to death. All the while this other woman was saying; Neither mine nor yours will he become. You men, do the severing! (1 Kings 3:26)
- At that the king answered and said; You men, give her the living child, and you must by no means put him to death. She is his mother. (1 Kings 3:27)
- And all Israel got to hear of the judicial decision that the king

had handed down, and they became fearful because of the king, for they saw that the wisdom of God was within him to execute judicial decision. (**1 Kings 3:28**)

- **Wisdom** is the prime thing, for without it **knowledge** is of little value.
- **Wisdom** is the prime thing. Acquire **wisdom**, and with all that you acquire, acquire understanding. (**Proverbs 4:7**)
- The tongue of wise ones does good with **knowledge**, but the mouth of the stupid ones bubbles forth with foolishness. (**Proverbs 15:2**)
- Yehowah abounds in and provides both **knowledge** and **wisdom**.
- O the depth of God's riches and **wisdom** and **knowledge**! How unsearchable his judgments are and past tracing out his ways are! (**Romans 11:33**)
- So, if any one of you is lacking in wisdom, let him keep on asking God, for he gives generously to all and without reproaching, and it will be given him. (**James 1:5**)

•• Understanding

- **Understanding** is the ability to see how the parts or aspects of something relate to one another, to see the entire matter and not just isolated facts. The Hebrew root verb **bin** has the basic meaning **separate** or **distinguish**, and it is often rendered, **understand** or **discern**. It is similar with the Greek *sy-ni'e-mi*. Thus at;
- Saying; Go to this people and say; By hearing, you will hear but by no means **understand**, and, looking, you will look but by no means see. (**Acts of Apostles 28:26**)
- And he went on to say; Go, and you must say to this people, Hear again and again, O men, but do not **understand**, and see again and again, but do not get any **knowledge**. (**Isaiah 6:9**)
- Make the heart of this people unreceptive, and make their very ears unresponsive, and paste their very eyes together, that they may not see with their eyes and with their ears they may not hear, and that their own heart may not understand and that they

may not actually turn back and get healing for themselves.
(Isaiah 6:10)

- It could be said that the Jews heard but did not understand, or did not put together. They did not grasp how the points or thoughts fitted together to mean something to them.
- The fear of Yehowah is the start of wisdom, and the **knowledge** of the Most Holy One is what understanding is. (Proverbs 9:10)
- In saying that **knowledge** of the Most Holy One is what **understanding** is, shows that true **understanding** of anything involves appreciation of its relation to God and his purposes.
- Because a person with understanding is able to connect new information to things he already knows, it can be said that to the **understanding** one **knowledge** is an easy thing.
- The ridiculer has sought to find wisdom, and there is none, but to the **understanding** one **knowledge** is an easy thing. (Proverbs 14:6)
- **Knowledge** and **understanding** are allied, and both are to be sought.
- In that case you will **understand** the fear of Yehowah, and you will find the very **knowledge** of God. (Proverbs 2:5)
- The heart of the **understanding** one acquires **knowledge**, and the ear of wise ones seeks to find **knowledge**. (Proverbs 18:15)

•• Discernment

- A **Hebrew** word frequently rendered, **discernment**, **tevu-nah'** is related to the word **bi-nah'**, translated, **understanding**. Both appear at;
- If, moreover, you call out for **understanding** itself and you give forth your voice for **discernment** itself. (Proverbs 2:3)
- Which the translation by The Jewish Publication Society renders: **If thou call for understanding, and lift up thy voice for discernment.** As with **understanding**, **discernment** involves seeing or recognizing things, but it emphasizes distinguishing the parts, weighing or evaluating one

in the light of the others. A person who unites **knowledge** and **discernment** controls what he says and is cool of spirit.

- Anyone holding back his sayings is possessed of **knowledge**, and a man of **discernment** is cool of spirit. (**Proverbs 17:27**)
- The one opposing Yehowah displays lack of **discernment**.
- There is no wisdom, nor any **discernment**, nor any counsel in opposition to Yehowah. (**Proverbs 21:30**)
- Through his Son, God gives **discernment**, full **understanding** or insight. **NW, NE.**
- You, therefore, my child, keep on acquiring power in the undeserved kindness that is in connection with Christ Jesus. (**2 Timothy 2:1**)
- Give constant thought to what I am saying, the Lord will really give you **discernment** in all things. (**2 Timothy 2:7**)

•• **Thinking Ability**

- **Knowledge** is also related to what is sometimes translated **thinking ability**, Hebrew, *mezim-mah'*. The Hebrew word can be used in a bad sense, evil ideas, schemes, devices, or a favorable one, shrewdness, sagacity.
- In his haughtiness the wicked one hotly pursues the afflicted one, they get caught by the ideas that they have thought up. (**Psalms 10:2**)
- To give to the inexperienced ones shrewdness, to a young man **knowledge** and **thinking ability**. (**Proverbs 1:4**)
- Thus the mind and thoughts can be directed to an admirable, upright end, or just the opposite. By paying close attention to the way Yehowah does things and by inclining ones ears to all the various aspects of His will and purposes, a person safeguards his own thinking ability, directing it into right channels.
- My son, to my wisdom O do pay attention. To my discernment incline your ears. (**Proverbs 5:1**)

- So as to guard **thinking abilities**, and may your own lips safeguard **knowledge** itself. (**Proverbs 5:2**)
- Properly exercised thinking ability, harmonious with godly **wisdom** and **knowledge**, will guard a person against being ensnared by immoral enticements.
- When **wisdom** enters into your heart and **knowledge** itself becomes pleasant to your very soul. (**Proverbs 2:10**)
- **Thinking ability** itself will keep guard over you, discernment itself will safeguard you. (**Proverbs 2:11**)
- To deliver you from the bad way, from the man speaking perverse things. (**Proverbs 2:12**)

·· **Caution In Gaining Knowledge**

- Solomon apparently put **knowledge** in a negative light when saying; For in the abundance of **wisdom** there is an abundance of vexation, so that he that increases knowledge increases pain.
- For in the abundance of **wisdom** there is an abundance of vexation, so that he that increases **knowledge** increases pain. (**Ecclesiastes 1:18**)
- This would appear contrary to the general view of **knowledge** one finds in the Bible. However, Solomon here stresses again the vanity of human endeavors in all matters other than the carrying out of God's commands.
- And I set my heart to seek and explore wisdom in relation to everything that has been done under the heavens, the calamitous occupation that God has given to the sons of mankind in which to be occupied. (**Ecclesiastes 1:13**)
- I saw all the works that were done under the sun, and, look! Everything was vanity and a striving after wind. (**Ecclesiastes 1:14**)
- Thus, a man may gain **knowledge** and wisdom in many fields, or he may explore deeply some specialized field, and such **knowledge** and wisdom may be proper in themselves, though not directly related to God's declared purpose.

- Yet, with such increased **knowledge** and **wisdom** the man may well become more keenly aware of how limited his opportunities are to use his knowledge and wisdom because of his short life span and because of the problems and bad conditions that confront and oppose him in imperfect human society. This is vexing, producing a painful sense of frustration.
- For the creation was subjected to futility, not by its own will but through him that subjected it, on the basis of hope (**Romans 8:20**)
- That the creation itself also will be set free from enslavement to corruption and have the glorious freedom of the children of God. (**Romans 8:21**)
- For we know that all creation keeps on groaning together and being in pain together until now. (**Romans 8:22**)
- The conclusion of the matter, everything having been heard, is. Fear the true God and keep his commandments. For this is the whole obligation of man. (**Ecclesiastes 12:13**)
- For the true God himself will bring every sort of work into the judgment in relation to every hidden thing, as to whether it is good or bad. (**Ecclesiastes 12:14**)
- Thus, too, the **knowledge** obtained by devotion to many books, unless tied in with and put to use in the carrying out of God's commands, is wearisome to the flesh.
- As regards anything besides these, my son, take a warning. To the making of many books there is no end, and much devotion to them is wearisome to the flesh. (**Ecclesiastes 12:12**)

See Also ECCLESIASTES