

Knowing God
Life Principles – Part 2
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Matthew 7:21-22 (ESV) “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’”

Matthew 7:23 (ESV) And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”

1. _____ to God’s commands

1 John 2:3-4 (ESV) And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him,

1A. Live like _____

1 John 2:5-6 (ESV) but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

1B. _____ other believers

1 John 2:9-10 (ESV) Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling.

2. Not loving the _____

1 John 2:15-16 (ESV) Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.

2A. Pursue the _____

1 John 2:17 (ESV) And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

2B. Beware of _____ teaching

1 John 2:18-19 (ESV) Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.

3. _____ with the Spirit

1 John 2:20 (ESV) But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge.

3A. Guard against _____

1 John 2:26-27 (ESV) I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you. But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.

3B. Prepare for Jesus’ _____

1 John 2:28-29 (ESV) And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading & prayer.
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Invite a friend to the service next Sunday.

How will I obey God’s Word this week? _____

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Intro. What is the difference between knowing about God and knowing God?

What does Jesus say is not evidence that someone knows God (Matthew 7:21-22)?

What does Jesus say is the proof that the people in Matthew 7:21-22 do not know Him (Matthew 7:23)?

How are we to distinguish between true and false prophets (Matthew 7:15-16)?

- 1A. Why would people say that they know Jesus, but not keep his commands (1 John 2:3-4)?

- 1B. What does it mean to “walk in the same way in which Jesus walked” (1 John 2:5-6)?

- 1C. What does loving other believers have to do with knowing God (1 John 2:9-10)?

- 1D. How would you explain to someone that obeying God is the evidence of knowing God, not the pathway to knowing God?

- 2A. Why would someone who knows God not love the world (1 John 2:15-16)?

- 2B. In what ways does someone who knows God focus on the eternal (1 John 2:17)?

- 2C. What are some of the appeals of false teaching (1 John 2:18-19)?

- 2D. How can a believer distinguish false teaching?

- 3A. Why is the anointing of the Spirit a proof of knowing God (1 John 2:20)?

- 3B. How can the Spirit protect against being deceived by false teaching (1 John 2:26-27)?

- 3C. How can someone who knows God prepare for Jesus’ return (1 John 2:28-29)?

- 3D. How can the three proofs of knowing God work together in a believer’s life and decision-making?