

“GET” UNDERSTANDING

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Proverbs 4:7

It is your responsibility to get understanding. You must pursue understanding. You must look for it. You will have to chase after it. You will have to go **GET IT**. It is **NOT** God's responsibility to give you understanding. If you think God is suppose to give you understanding you will **REMAIN IGNORANT**.

Our Heavenly Father gave us a mind to store knowledge. However, He gave us the intellect to **COMPREHEND** the knowledge. Your mind is a storage facility. Your intellect is a processor that activates your ability to understand what you are storing. There are millions of people storing knowledge daily. However, they do not know **HOW TO APPLY** the information they are accumulating.

Attaining knowledge is attaining **AWARENESS**. Gaining understanding **BUILDS UPON YOUR ABILITIES**. For example. Many people **KNOW** that giving to a charitable organization will allow you to write off a certain dollar amount on your taxes.

However, most people **DO NOT UNDERSTAND** how to utilize this information toward their benefit. If you donate **MORE** money to a charitable organization than what the I.R.S deducts from your paycheck you can use your donations to offset your income. This will give you a bigger tax break.

**KNOWLEDGE IS WORTHLESS WITHOUT
UNDERSTANDING!**

You **CANNOT** utilize what you do not understand. You **CANNOT** capitalize on what you do not understand. You **CANNOT** maximize what you do not understand. Ask

yourself this question. Do I understand everything I know?
Do you know how to apply everything you are aware of?

Proverbs 4:7 says, "*Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom and with **ALL** thy getting, get understanding.*"

Anytime you attain new knowledge it is your responsibility to **GET** understanding. Remember this. Knowledge opens your eyes to what is hidden. Understanding helps you to comprehend what was hidden.

STOP RESTING ON YOUR KNOWLEDGE

People who **REST** on their bank of knowledge will never access the treasure of their knowledge. What purpose does it serve to have a million dollars in the bank if you **DO NOT UNDERSTAND** how to fill out a withdrawal slip? What purpose does it serve to be connected to the love of your life and **NOT UNDERSTAND** how to receive that love?

What purpose does it serve to know the Bible and **NOT UNDERSTAND** how to apply it to your life? Remember, knowledge is worthless without understanding! People who solely rest on knowledge become very **USELESS**. These people become armchair professors. They talk about what they know without understanding how to apply what they know.

YOU CANNOT MOVE IN ACTION WHEN
YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT
TO DO.

WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO GET
UNDERSTANDING?

The best way to get understanding is to **ASK QUESTIONS**. Questions attract answers. Questions

attract information. Questions invite dialogue. Questions strengthens your capabilities. When Jesus was a boy He did two things. He asked questions and got understanding. Luke 2:46 says, "*After three days they found Jesus sitting in the Temple with the teachers, listening to them and ASKING THEM QUESTIONS.*"

When you want to increase your understanding, ask questions. Every question you ask will build upon your understanding. Only a fool would seek knowledge and never question what they know. It is **YOUR** responsibility to get understanding. It is not God's responsibility to give it to you. If Jesus the Son of God asked questions, why shouldn't you?

THE LEVEL OF YOUR UNDERSTANDING WILL
DEPEND ON THE QUALITY OF YOUR
QUESTIONS.

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