

Lasting Results Part 11: Knowledge and Understanding Drive Away Fear"

Key Theme: *As we grow in knowledge and understanding—both spiritual and practical—fear is driven away, and lasting fruit is produced.*

Opening Focus: Key Words

Today's focus:

- Knowledge
 - Understanding
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Foundational Scriptures

- **1 Samuel 2:3** – *"For the Lord is the God of knowledge; And by Him actions are weighed."*
- **Proverbs 19:2** – *"It is not good for a soul to be without knowledge..."*
- **Proverbs 10:14** – *"Wise men store up knowledge..."*
- **Hosea 4:6** – *"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..."*
- **1 Corinthians 8:1** – *"Knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up.*
- **Proverbs 2:6** – *"For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding."*
- **Proverbs 14:6** – *"Knowledge is easy to him who understands."*
- **Proverbs 2:11** – *"Understanding will keep you."*
- **Proverbs 15:14** – *"The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge."*

Opening Prayer

Based on **Matthew 13:23**:

"But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit..."

Prayer Points:

- Cause us to be good ground.
 - Cause us to hear and understand Your Word.
 - Cause us to bear sweet and lasting fruit.
 - Cause us to seek the knowledge that glorifies You.
 - In Jesus' name, amen.
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Main Principle

Knowledge and Understanding Drive Away Fear.

Why?

Because we begin to understand *how things work*.

Fear often thrives in ignorance and confusion, especially the fear of the unknown.

Everyday Examples

Think of your own life as I share.

1. Electricity: The New Light Outside My Office

- No knowledge or understanding = no action.
- The result? Fear of the unknown and procrastination.

2. Plumbing: Calling the Plumber

- No understanding = fear of disaster.
- Fear of losing time, money, and peace.

Lesson: If we don't learn, fear has a foothold. We must either grow or find someone who knows.

Testimony #1: Learning My New Role in Public Retail

- God has been gently training me.
- Each piece of understanding (bus passes, money orders, safes, etc.) brought **less fear**.
- I faced pressure moments but handled them as knowledge and understanding increased.

Isaiah 11:1–3 – The Spirit of the Lord equips with:

- Wisdom and Understanding
- Counsel and Might
- Knowledge and the Fear of the Lord

These qualities come from *the Spirit of God* and form the foundation for courage and effectiveness.

Commentary Insight – Isaiah 11:2

- **Three areas of life are covered:**
 - Intellectual (wisdom/understanding)
 - Practical (counsel/might)
 - Spiritual (knowledge/fear of the Lord)
 - The Spirit gives *balance, stability, and insight*—driving out fear from every angle.
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Testimony #2: Standing Alone at the Check stand

- God gently removed the training wheels.
- I had to stand on my own.
- I was calm—not because of pride, but because knowledge gave me confidence.
- The fear had less power, because understanding had grown.

Key: God doesn't leave us alone—He teaches us until we can stand.

The Spiritual Connection

When people lack knowledge about **the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues**, they may resist due to fear.

- Fear of the unknown.
- Misunderstanding or lack of teaching.

Proverbs 4:7 (AMP):

“With all you have gotten, get understanding.”

Proverbs 24:3 (AMP):

“By understanding a house is established...”

Closing Word:

2 Timothy 2:7 (AMP)

“Think over these things I am saying... for the Lord will grant you full insight and understanding in everything.”

Summary Truths:

- Knowledge and understanding produce **confidence**.
 - Fear loses its grip when we understand **how things work**.
 - Whether it’s in spiritual growth or everyday life, understanding brings peace and prepares us for lasting fruit.
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To be continued...

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