

# Growing in Knowledge

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## The Scripture must edify and apply

Too often we preach Bible trivia

- 1) Biblical illiteracy is at least as large a problem to the Christian community as functional illiteracy is to the nation as a whole.
- 2) Make the Scriptures more relevant and applicable to the average person. When we teach from the Bible, we need to concentrate on practical, applicable lessons for life. In other words, we must provide people with useful principles, rather than rigid laws.

The Bible is a covenant of restoration and healing – Not just condemnation

2 Tim 3:16-17 - *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

## We cannot pick and choose

There is authority in the scripture

Discipleship means discipline

Matt 5:17-19 - *"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.*

## The Word of God will not be ignored

Matt 21:42-44 - *Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord's doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes?' "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder."*

The Word of God always carries results – Healing or judgment if it is ignored

When we understand its power we cannot ignore it