

# Knowing and KNOWING!

I'm sure you've heard the phrase "know it all." It is an interesting phrase. It could be a compliment, as when said by a young child, "My Mom/Dad knows EVERYTHING!" It could be a sarcastic ridicule as said by those who really mean, "You THINK You know it all!"

You might think, well, nobody knows everything, but One does! God!

**Hebrews 4:13**      *And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.*

So, He does! But WE don't! Some people know more than others do, but that is to be expected. However, some people get a little "upity" thinking they know more than they really do. It becomes especially important when they think they know more about God than they really do!

**1 Corinthians 15:34**      *Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.*

**2 Thessalonians 1:7-8**      *...when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus."*

The "know" that Paul uses there is apparently a "pro-active" type of "know." It is not merely being acquainted with God, but knowing him like you know your best friend, or your spouse or your children. We must really even know Him better than that! It certainly is not knowing God simply because we "think" we do. It certainly is not knowing God simply because we hang around others who do! This is a personal knowledge that comes from "Seeking God first" like Jesus said in **Matthew 6:33**. No doubt that requires serious study of God's Word! But it would also include obeying God's word, talking to God, and participating with God's family!

Get to know God! You'll never be the same!  
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