

## A PRAYER OF KNOWING GOD

*Jeremiah 9:23-24 (NIV) This is what the LORD says: “Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches, 24 but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,” declares the LORD.*

- Our goal this year is to be able to boast that we know God.

*Daniel 11:32 (NKJV) 32 Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.*

*Philippians 3:10 (NIV) I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,*

What does knowing God mean?

1. Knowing God is to understand God. pray that this year you will understand what God wants you to do. *Ephesians 5:17 (NKJV) 17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.*
2. Understanding means to ‘act’. Romans 2:15(msg) *15 They show that God's law is not something alien, imposed on us from without, but woven into the very fabric of our creation. There is something deep within them that echoes God's yes and no, right and wrong.*
  - a. Pray that we would always respond to the echoes of GOD’s yes and no, right and wrong in Jesus name.
  - b. Pray that you would always obey God’s law that is imposed on you, that is woven into the fabric of your heart in Jesus name.
3. Knowing God is to perceive the truth. *John 4:19 (NKJV) 19 The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.*
  - a. Perceive means to become aware. Pray that this year you would be aware of God and his workings in all things.
  - b. Pray that you would be aware of His voice, leading and instruction in Jesus name.

- c. Samuel became aware of the voice of God and excelled. Pray that like Samuel you would become more aware of God's voice this year in Jesus name.
- 4. To know God is to identify him, to hear and obey the voice of the shepherd. ***John 10:14 (AMPC) I am the Good Shepherd; and I know and recognize My own, and My own know and recognize Me—***. Recognise is to identify, understand, accept and admit. Pray that as you journey this year you would identify, accept and admit all that Jesus through His Spirit is communicating to you. By this you would have good success.
- 5. Knowing is to have established or fixed in the mind.
  - a. Pray that this year Christ will be established in your mind
- 6. Knowing is to increase in becoming familiar with someone. ***John 10:14 (TLB) "I am the Good Shepherd and know my own sheep, and they know me,***
  - a. Pray that this year you grow in knowing and understanding God. ***2 Peter 3:18 (NKJV) but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.***
- 7. It is by knowing God that we can act and demonstrate true love. ***1 John 4:7-8 (NKJV) Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.***
  - a. Knowing God makes us love, let us pray this morning to love through the knowledge of God.
  - b. Love requires obedience to how God wants us to show love. Pray that you would be obedient to all his commandments in demonstrating love to God and to people.
  - c. Pray that this year and going forward you would love the Lord with all your heart, mind and soul. ***Matthew 22:37 (NIV) 37 Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."***
- 8. Knowing God is being aware of him to be furnished with knowledge about Him. ***Job 22:21 (NKJV) "Now acquaint yourself with Him, and be at peace; Thereby good will come to you.***
  - a. To acquaint means to minister too. Pray that with all you have you would minister to God and serve God with everything you have this year.
  - b. Pray that you would be of use to God this year.

9. To know God is to know that He is *Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV) But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*
  - a. Pray that this year you would know that He is anything you want him to be to you.
10. Knowing God is keeping his commandments. *1 John 2:3 (NKJV) Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.*
  - a. The test of knowing him is to pray that we would yield, adhere and follow all the commands he gives us this year.