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There are certain laws pertaining to knowledge that every Christian should know. To begin, reason holds the same relation to the spirit that the body does to reason. We know that God is spirit. He reveals and impregnates our gift, holy spirit, with truth just as the natural world impregnates the natural mind with fact. God works the same way with our spirit.

The Renewed Mind is the Key to Power

Spiritual knowledge may be ascertained, while natural knowledge is analyzed. For instance, when you minister healing to a person, God tells you what is wrong with that person. You never analyze this knowledge. If you're going to analyze anything at all, limit that to natural knowledge. Doctors perform medical tests to determine a problem. Scientists' lab work includes chemical analysis. But, when it comes to spiritual knowledge, that



knowledge may only be ascertained. Let me tell you another great truth. In order to receive from God, The Holy Spirit, you have to have His gift, holy spirit. When you need something from Him, you need only ask. If you ever know any spiritual knowledge, it was ascertained. Spiritual knowledge is superior to the natural and is always ascertained.

The law of natural knowledge

Natural knowledge comes to the body and soul man by way of the five senses; spiritual knowledge comes to the spiritual man through God's Word or by revelation. Natu-

ral knowledge is received, but limited by the five senses. Man needs more than natural food.

(Mat 4:4 KJV) But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Man has lived for so long by the five senses that he struggles with the law of spiritual knowledge. The reason is that it seems abnormal to live according to new rules. This is why a person teaching the spiritual walk seems outlandish. Man is convinced that he can save himself. You see it every day. Try to tell a man in need that God will care for his every need. He'd sooner die than listen. Well, for the most part, and a very small part at that. All spiritual knowledge given via the gift of holy spirit comes from God. The five senses merely registers those effects.

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Natural knowledge religions

All natural knowledge religions begin in idolatry and end in philosophy. Every one of them deny the true God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. They might name their god something unique, but that doesn't mean anything. One such religion lists more than 90 names for God. Don't be fooled. Together, they propound hundreds of different names. The design of so many different names is to confuse the average Christian. These inaccuracies are how religions get rid of sin, temptation, the devil, sickness, hell, and everything else we should certainly understand. There is a spiritual realm just on the other side of our vision. Jesus taught about it.

(John 10:1-5 KJV)
Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. {2} But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. {3} To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own

sheep by name, and leadeth them out. {4} And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. {5} And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

God does have biblical names, and they are significant; ignore the myriad of natural knowledge names.

In order to receive spiritual knowledge, you must believe the Word of God. When you are born again, a new spirit is created within. You've always had your mind and it pretty is the same after you were born again. I say 'pretty much' because of healing that could have taken place. If I have evil thoughts and ways prior to the new birth, unless I chose to stop them, I would still have them afterwards. Some people say that God removed the desire to smoke. God can help you if you choose to stop smoking, but he won't alter your being in lieu of that. If He ever did, it would be in the category of phenomena which is never guaranteed. Free will is at play here,

folks—a gift from God. You make your own choices. That God would override free will is devilish doctrine. Man must renew his natural mind.

The New Man

Did you know that within you, the new birth introduces a brand new man?

(Eph 2:15 KJV) Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;*

The accomplishments of Jesus Christ welcomed the advent of brand new possibilities. Ephesians contains detailed instruction for how to meet this new man.

How to Renew your mind

By now, I suppose you're wondering just how to renew your mind. A man may be filled with all of God's power, and every Christian is, but manifestation of that power takes place only to

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the extent that he renews his mind. If you yearn after God's power, the renewed mind is your key. The renewed mind is not only the key to power, it is the key to a robust Christian life. Ephesians instructs us how to put off the old and put on the new. Then we not only hold the Word, but the Word holds us. That's walking in true holiness.

Eph 4:24-29 KJV) And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. {25} Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. {26} Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: {27} Neither give place to the devil. {28} Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. {29} Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hear-

ers.

We are told to "put on the new man." The new man is righteous and holy. He doesn't lie. He speaks truth. He does have anger, but does not sin in that anger. He doesn't give place to the devil. Remember the spiritual realm I showed you from John chapter 10? For the new man to become a reality, the Christian must choose this transformation. Otherwise, he will never be seen.

The spiritual man does not have to be renewed. Renewing of the natural mind is the key to power. This is how you activate all aspects of Christian potential. You can pray about something till you're blue in the face, but if you don't renew your mind, you won't experience lasting change.

(2 Cor 10:5 KJV) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

I have taught hours on the subject of 'casting down

imaginations'. Understand that this one principle guarantees deliverance to the natural mind. Every thought must be made captive to the obedience of Christ. A man may quote you the entire bible, yet not believe a single word of it. This means that he has not renewed his mind.

(Gal 4:19 KJV) My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,

... Until Christ be formed in you. How is Christ going to be formed in you if you do not bring every thought to the obedience of Christ? This is something that you must do.

Put on the Lord Jesus Christ by training the mind to track with God's Word. Stop 'old man' practices and fire up the new man.

(Eph 4:30 KJV) And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

If you don't renew your mind, you grieve the holy spirit of God. You grieve God if you keep stealing,

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lying, and have corrupt communication. Understand that you are sealed by the gift of holy spirit unto the day of redemption.

(Eph 4:31-32 KJV) Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: {32} And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Even if you don't want to forgive, forgive. A person has a forgiveness problem because they don't remember God's forgiveness.

(Rom 8:5-7 KJV) For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. {6} For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. {7} Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

The carnal mind, the natural mind, is enmity against God. Spiritual mindedness is life and peace! When combined with the renewed mind, the new birth enables the Christian's more than abundant life. It is the key to life itself.

(Rom 6:11 KJV) Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The renewed mind allows Christians to walk a brand new life.

(Rom 6:4 KJV) Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Invest the time to control you mind.

(1 Pet 1:13 KJV) Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

Take the time to destroy the old man.

(Col 3:5 KJV) Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

"Mortify" means "to blow to smithereens."

(Col 3:10 KJV) And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

The new man is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him (spirit man). Our new mind is renewed in knowledge after God's Word. When we received the spirit, how much did we receive? We received everything that God is. Determine your Christ-like abilities, renew your mind, and manifest the gift.

(Col 3:15 KJV) And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

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We have been given God's peace. We shouldn't be so anxious; we have peace, but have we renewed our minds? We are to be thankful. People are always complaining. Husband and wife are both working, have more money than ever, and they are always complaining. If you have good health, a place to live, and clothes on your back, you should be so thankful.

(Col 3:16 KJV) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Stop feeding yourself with the world's buffet of negatives—magazines, television, social media distractions—and give time to the Word. Introduce spiritual light. God's Word introduces light and destroys darkness.

Much love in Christ!

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