

## 2 Peter 1 • When Knowledge Matters

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1. (v.1-4) Knowledge is a gift that comes as part of the overall gift of \_\_\_\_\_ which is intended not just to change the \_\_\_\_\_ we know, but the way by which we conduct our \_\_\_\_\_.
2. (v.5-11) Biblical knowledge is the application of biblical \_\_\_\_\_ resulting in biblical \_\_\_\_\_:
  - a. To “*faith*” is applied “*moral excellence*”. Saving faith in Christ is supposed to so change us that we become \_\_\_\_\_ different by our advertisement of a life that lives according to biblical \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. To “*moral excellence*” is applied “*knowledge*”. True Christians are able to \_\_\_\_\_ right from wrong.
  - c. To “*knowledge*” is applied “*self-control*” which leads to “*perseverance*”. This is the “*staying power*” of the Christian in times of \_\_\_\_\_, someone whose faith is ultimately guided by reliance more on \_\_\_\_\_ than earthly circumstances.
  - d. To “*perseverance*” is applied “*godliness*”. The word “*godliness*” actually means “right \_\_\_\_\_”. True Christians are known for \_\_\_\_\_ not the things of this world but of Christ.
- e. To “*godliness*” is applied “*brotherly kindness*”. True Christians are proven by their changed \_\_\_\_\_ with others.
- f. And finally to “*brotherly kindness*” is applied “*love*”. This kind of wrapper for all of these virtues is not a “\_\_\_\_\_” or supernatural attribute, but the ultimate result of a life dedicated to God’s \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- g. **Application:** Whereas knowledge is initially bestowed as a gift at the initial process of \_\_\_\_\_, it is expected that we **GROW** in knowledge so that \_\_\_\_\_ is proved by quality of the change our life testifies to both to ourselves and others.
3. (v.12-21) Biblical knowledge is a gift which must be \_\_\_\_\_ not only so that spiritual growth may result, but that we will build the correct \_\_\_\_\_ for our very life based on the \_\_\_\_\_ and none other.