

A Lack of Knowledge Causes Destruction

Hosea 4:1-10

For the Lack of

- 1 Tim. 4:8; Lk. 16:3 – bodily exercise, there is no strength.
- Prov. 2:6; 13:10 – knowledge, there is no wisdom.
- 1 Cor. 9:25; 2 Pet. 1:6 – self-control, there is only excess.

Life is a Work

- 2 Thess. 3:10; Phil. 2:12; Rev. 2:7 – If any will not work, neither let him eat!
- Heb. 5:14 – Without exercise, the senses are dull.
- Acts 17:27 – Those who will not seek God will not find God.
- 1 Cor. 15:34; Psa. 119:10-11 – Those who do not find God will fall into sin.

The Need for Knowledge

- Hos. 4:1-6 – For a lack of knowledge man is destroyed.
- Phil. 2:12 – Work out your own salvation.
- Eph. 6:13-17 – For want of knowledge, and spiritual exercise, we too will lose the warfare.

If You Believe

- Lk. 16:26 – There is a place called Hades.
- Col. 3:1; 1 Pet. 1:4 – There is a place called heaven.
- Mk. 9:48 – there is a place called Hell
- If you hold these truths, then being aware of God's expectations, and your obedience to His will, is paramount.
- Hos. 8:8-12 – Jehovah's controversy with Israel was a result of a lack of knowledge.

A Lack of Knowledge is Destructive

- Hos. 6:6 – Jehovah’s desire for Israel
 - Hos. 8:12 – Jehovah had given Israel a means of obtaining knowledge.
 - Hos. 8:3; 5:5 – Israel and Judah had cast off that which was good and stumbled together.

A Lack of Knowledge is Destructive

- A lack of knowledge always leads into captivity:
 - Isa. 5:13 – “Therefore my people are gone into captivity for lack of knowledge.”
 - Mk. 12:18-27 – The Sadducees erred for lack of knowledge.

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- The Lord desires his people have knowledge:
 - Eph. 5:17 – Understand the will of the Lord.
 - Phil. 1:9 – That love may abound in knowledge and all discernment
 - Col. 1:9-10 – Paul’s desire for Colossæ
 - 2 Pet. 3:18 – “But grow in grace and knowledge...”
- 2 Tim. 2:24-26 – A lack of knowledge will lead into captivity.

Lack of Knowledge is Willful

- Hos. 4:6 – “because thou hast rejected knowledge”
- Jer. 6:10 – Like Judah, no delight in the word of Jehovah
- Hos. 8:12 – Israel counted the law as a strange thing.
- 2 Pet. 3:5 – Peter spoke of mockers who willfully forget.

Lack of Knowledge Leads to Indifference

- Gen. 19 – Lot's wife
- Exod. 5:2 – Pharoah
- 2 Chron. 26:16-21 - Uzziah

If You

- Have fallen into the same path as Israel, and cast off that which is good:
 - Lk. 19:10 – Jesus came to save.
 - 2 Cor. 6:17-18 – Come ye out from among them.
- Have not responded to the gospel:
 - Rom. 1:18 – The wrath of God is revealed
 - 2 Pet. 3:5-7 – Destruction of ungodly men
- 1 Thess. 1:10 – Jesus will deliver.
- Matt. 11:28-30 – If you will answer His call