**KNOWING GOD’S WORD**

**Deuteronomy 17:14-20**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. How well do [we] “Know God’s Word”?

 A. This is a very, very important question for every Christian to consider.

2. “Knowing God’s Word” will bring many BLESSINGS to us, **BUT** ***NOT*** will bring a lot of

 unnecessary stress and unhappiness into the LIFE of the BELIEVER.

1. Nations have been strengthened because of the knowledge of His Word by their leaders

and they have been weakened because of their lack thereof (Hos 4:6).

3. He expects us to know; if [we] live out our LIFE without, assuredly an account will be given.

4. In this lesson, let’s ensure [we] put ourselves into position to “Know God’s Word”.

**BODY:**

**1. OBSERVATIONS (Rev 1:3)**

 A. If [we] know God’s Word, [we] will:

 1. Be BLESSED of God

 2. Be used mightily by God

 3. Be able to influence others in a Godly Fashion

 4. Be eagerly involved in God’s Program [WORK]

 5. LIVE the righteous LIFE

 6. Be mission minded

 7. Build a secure FAMILY

 8. Develop a strong, effective church ministry

 9. Accept Spiritual Direction

 10. Have a LIFE of PEACE

 A. If [we] do ***NOT***, [we] will ***NOT***.

**2. PRINCIPLES**

A. [We] must RECOGNIZE the Bible as God’s [His] Word.

 1. It truly is His Word from His Heart (1 The 2:13**;** 2 Tim 3:16, 17).

B. [We] must READ His Word regularly [daily].

 1. This grants [us] general knowledge (Lk 9:23; Eph 3:10; 1 Tim 4:13).

C. [We] must RECEIVE His Word.

 1. Welcome the Scripture into our lives (1 The 2:13).

D. [We] must STUDY His Word.

 1. Dig into the depths of His Word (Jn 5:39; 2 Tim 2:15).

E. [We] must APPLY His Word.

 1. Digest His Word as TRUTH (Jer 15:16; Jn 8:32; 17:17).

 F. [We] must OBEY His Word.

 1. Put His Word into action in [our] LIVES (Jos 1:8; Heb 5:8, 9).

**3. LESSONS TO LEARN**

 A. Without a dynamic knowledge of His Word (Pro 1:7; 23:23; Eph 3:4), [we] will:

 1. Never effectively LIVE FOR, SERVE or WORSHIP Him (Jn 4:23, 24).

 2. Never truly FEAR, HONOR and GLORIFY Him (1 Pet 3:15).

 3. Never be SUCCESSFUL in the Christian LIFE (Ac 11:26).

 4. Never be a Spiritual TEAM Player (Rom 1:11; Gal 6:1; 1 Pet 2:5).

 5. ALWAYS please the enemy (Jas 4:4).