

“When You Don’t Know What You Don’t Know”

PDF Version of the eDevo Series

WYDKWYDK - Part 1: Is the Devil Eating Your Lunch?



"My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge...."
Hosea 4: 6, NKJV

This week, we'll start a new edevo series, "When You Don't Know What You Don't Know"—with our Monday morning question, "Is the devil eating your lunch?"

Thousands of Christians are being duped and destroyed because they don't know what they don't know! I was one of them! Have you ever heard the phrase, "What you don't know can't hurt you"? Did you know that God says the exact opposite? What you don't know *can* hurt you! In fact, it can literally kill you!

That's exactly what God tells us in Hosea 4:6: "*My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge....*" Do you see that? God's people are destroyed. Why? Lack of knowledge. It's that simple. It's important to notice it's not the non-Christians or those outside of God's family who are destroyed. It's His people! The simple reason for the destruction? A lack of knowledge! In other words, when God's people lack knowledge of God's will or His ways in a particular area, it can destroy them! The sad fact is that thousands upon thousands of Christians don't know what they don't know and unfortunately, they are being destroyed in various areas of their lives.

That was my life! For many years, I didn't know what I didn't know! I lived what I call the humble, genuine, and sincerely "defeated Christian life." Here's what I mean—I loved the Lord with all my heart and I spent countless hours in prayer

and Bible reading. I was actively witnessing to people about the Lord. I was in Bible studies and leading Bible studies and endeavoring to obey the Lord and be the Christian He had called me to be. The only dilemma? The devil ate my lunch! I was living a defeated life in so many areas because, as it turned out, I had not "rightly divided the Word" in numerous areas. I had very little revelation knowledge of the Word, of who I was in Christ, or of what belonged to me in Christ. I was fatalistic in my approach to God and life.

I had the "fatalistic Sovereignty" view that many Christians have. I figured that since God was Sovereign, my life was in His hands and anything that came into my life had already gone through God's "big filter in the sky." My conclusion was that if anything got to my life, whether good or bad, it was obviously His will. I realized later that my understanding of the biblical description of God's Sovereignty was flawed and my lack of knowledge was being used by the devil to keep me living the defeated Christian life.

I discovered that because I "didn't know what I didn't know" and because of my unscriptural view of God's Sovereignty, I had "signed" for many packages that the Lord had not sent. I didn't know the difference between a "test" the Lord allowed and "trial" Satan had sent. I didn't know what to resist, rebuke or receive! So, I just "signed" for everything as I trusted in God's Sovereignty. The result was that I often played "passive" or "defensive" Christianity and I was defeated and had very little joy!

What happened? When I began to realize I was being destroyed due to my lack of knowledge—I got hungry! I began to spend more time in the Word. I began to learn more about the character and will of my Heavenly Father. I began to see His will in numerous areas of life as defined in His Word. I began to see who I had become in Christ and what belonged to me in Him. I realized that there were many inconsistencies in my belief system. I recognized that I had accepted many religious traditions from well-meaning Christians, who had made the "Word of God of no effect" in my life. It was evident that the doctrine from which I had lived my Christian life needed an overhaul that was truly consistent with the Word.

By spending extended amounts of time studying the Bible, reading books and listening to tapes and CDs full of the revelation knowledge of the Word, I began to understand God's Word in a new way. I began to see various laws God instituted—the law of faith, the law of sowing and reaping, the law of sin and death, the law of the spirit of life, the laws of spiritual authority and others—that God had given as governing spiritual laws. My life experience up to that time was in large part the result of breaking many of those laws! I didn't know what I didn't know! As I obtained the knowledge of God's Word and renewed my mind to the truth, I was literally transformed from a genuinely defeated Christian into a genuinely victorious Christian!

What about you? Is the devil eating your lunch? If you were brutally honest, how would you describe your Christian life? Sincere, but frustrated and defeated? Fatalistic? Genuine and victorious? Blessed to be a blessing? Full of joy? Do you know what you don't know?

I pray that this week's edevos serve as "lightbulb" moments for you to be even

hungrier for the revelation knowledge of God and His Word! Let's start on the right foot—by praying and asking God to help us.

"Father, we are so thankful for Your Word, so eternally thankful for Jesus Christ and the price He paid on the cross so that we could be reconciled to You; we are so grateful that Jesus sent us the wonderful Holy Spirit to be our Helper and the One who guides us into all the truth. According to Your Word in Ephesians 1:16-18 and Colossians 1:9-10, I pray that You, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, would give me the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of You. Father, I ask that the eyes of my understanding would be opened and that I may know the hope of Your calling and what are the riches of the glory of Your inheritance in the saints. I ask that I would be filled with the knowledge of Your will in all wisdom and understanding; that I would walk in a manner worthy of You and pleasing to You, so that I would bear fruit in every good work. Father, help me to increase in revelation knowledge of You and Your Word. In Jesus' Name. Amen."

Blessings,

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WYDKWYDK - Part 2: The S.S. Salvation



"May blessing (praise, laudation, and eulogy) be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) Who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual (given by the Holy Spirit) blessing in the heavenly realm!"
Ephesians 1: 3, AMP

Have you ever taken a trip where all of your expenses were already paid? When we celebrated our "10 Year Church Anniversary," the VFC church family sent our family on a seven-day cruise. It was a memory of a lifetime! Our kids were astounded by all the features and benefits of the giant boat. It was hard to believe that a ship that had 13 elevators, 9 stories and more than 3000 people on board—not to mention a mini-mall, food court, all-you-can-eat gourmet meals, midnight buffets, three swimming pools, spa, fitness center, two ballrooms and a 2000 seat auditorium—could actually float. The best part was that our access to all of these blessings was paid for and included as a part of the tickets that had been purchased for us!

We made sure we took advantage of all the benefits that had been paid for and we made sure our church family knew how much we appreciated their generosity. I am so glad that we didn't fall into the "when you don't know what you don't know" (WYDKWYDK) trap on that cruise! It would have been a pity to have not partaken of all the blessings that were included in our tickets. In fact, I wonder how our church family would have felt if we had returned home from our trip with stories of woe, saying that we had suffered for the Lord by staying holed up in our stateroom, never accessing the benefits of the ship? How disappointing it would have been for those who paid for our tickets, and how tragic for us to miss out on everything that had already been provided for us! Thank God, we got "revelation knowledge" of the blessings of that giant cruise ship and we were filled with great joy!

Did you know there is a great parallel in our Christian life? Someone has already purchased the "all expenses paid" tickets for our salvation. Jesus paid a great price with His blood on the cross! Have you discovered all the "amenities" that were provided for you through His substitutionary death on the cross? Do you know what you know concerning everything that has already been included in your "ticket" to heaven?

Do you know what type of salvation you have? Are you surviving on the "dingy to heaven," paddling through life, just barely getting along, holding out 'til Jesus comes? Or, are you rejoicing on the "SS Salvation" as you serve God and enjoy His goodness? Did you know the writer of the book of Hebrews calls our salvation "great"? (Hebrews 2:3) It is great! However, if you don't know what you don't know, you'll miss out on things that have already been purchased for you.

The story is told of the poor European man who wanted come to America to see his family. He was able to scrape together enough money to purchase his ticket and sail across the Atlantic from Europe to the United States on a cruise ship. Because he was so poor, he could only afford to bring crackers on board with him to sustain him during the several weeks journey. He was thankful just to be on the boat and didn't complain about his meager food. When the ship landed at the American port, the captain of the vessel greeted this man and asked him why he had not joined the other passengers in the dining room during the journey. The poor man explained that he did not have enough money to participate in the fancy dining and had sustained himself on crackers. The captain was saddened to hear this man's story and explained to him that all of his meals, quite elegant and fancy at that, had already been included in his ticket price! The poor man did not know what belonged to him. He lacked the knowledge of what was legally and rightfully his and therefore he did not participate in the blessings that belonged to him. He didn't know what he didn't know!

How true this is of many Christians. Many sincere believers lack revelation knowledge of what belongs to them in Christ. They don't know what they don't know and therefore many go without. For example, many Christians believe that their salvation only includes forgiveness of sins and a ticket into heaven when they die, and—while it does include this great blessing—Jesus' blood purchased so much more! I wonder if it grieves the Lord to see His children—sincere, genuine, true-blue, good-hearted believers—content with surviving on water and crackers while they stay locked up in a stateroom of defeat, waiting to go to heaven?

Is it any wonder that the Apostle Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit, prayed for believers to have the spirit of wisdom and revelation concerning every spiritual blessing that belongs to them in Christ? The Lord wants us to partake of everything that is included on the SS Salvation—His forgiveness, mercy, joy, freedom, healing, well-being, abundance, peace, strength, wisdom, favor and so much more!

Are you ready to take the Lord up on all that He has purchased for you? You are blessed to be a blessing! Why not pray this prayer today:

"Father, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, who purchased such a great salvation for me. Lord, I ask You for the revelation knowledge I need to access, appropriate, utilize and enjoy all of the spiritual blessings You have provided for me in the "all expenses paid" trip on the SS Salvation. I believe it—I am blessed to be a blessing! In Jesus' Name. Amen."

Note: Keep in mind that while the Lord wants us to enjoy the blessings of the SS

Salvation, at times, because of the fallen world in which we live, we will face stormy waters and big persecution waves that try to rock our boat! Thankfully, the Lord has promised us that though the afflictions of the righteous are many—He will deliver us from them all! When you know what you know—you can enjoy the blessings of the SS Salvation—while trusting the Lord to deliver you out of troubled waters.

Blessings,

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WYDKWYDK - Part 3: The Big Key



"How terrible it will be for you experts in religious law! For you hide the key to knowledge from the people. You don't enter the Kingdom yourselves, and you prevent others from entering."

Luke 11: 52, NLT

When you don't know what you don't know (WYDKWYDK)—you are at a major disadvantage! Knowledge is your big key to victory!

Years ago, our children arrived home from school before my husband and I did and they found the doors locked. We had forgotten to leave them a key, so they sat on the front porch for an hour and a half waiting for their mom and dad to get home with the key! They were frustrated, cold and crying! Without the key, they could not access the warm house, the refrigerator, the TV or the computer. The difference between access granted and access denied was simply—the key! The difference between frustration and happiness was simply—the key!

There is a big parallel in our Christian lives. Our ability to access things is dependent upon having the right key! Jesus said that "knowledge" is a major key for victorious living. He rebuked the religious leaders of His day because they did not have proper knowledge about God and were hindering those who were trying to follow God. Here's what Jesus said, *"Woe unto you, lawyers! For ye have taken away the key of knowledge: and ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered."* (Luke 11:52)

In other words, knowledge is the key! Knowledge is vital. What kind of knowledge? Revelation knowledge. Not only do we need knowledge, we need revelation knowledge. There is a big difference between "natural knowledge" and "revelation knowledge." Natural knowledge is based upon our five physical senses—what we can feel, see, hear, taste, or smell. Revelation knowledge is different. It is supernatural! Revelation knowledge is given when God, by His Spirit, uncovers knowledge to us and our spiritual eyes see something! He gives us the key of knowledge!

Revelation knowledge is important because it is the key that uncovers and unlocks the Bible! Did you know that the Bible is a covered and locked Book to many people? There are many sincere people, full of natural knowledge and

theological ideas *about* the Bible, but they are lacking the key needed to access the riches of the Word; they lack revelation knowledge of the Bible. Without revelation knowledge, the Bible is just a nice Book with interesting religious and historical facts. For the person who knows a lot about the Bible and perhaps is able to quote numerous verses—without the key of revelation knowledge—they will miss the whole point and end up like our kids...locked out on the front porch frustrated, cold and crying, and they will hinder others who are trying to find the Lord.

Peter, Jesus' outspoken disciple, had a life-changing encounter with revelation knowledge. Do you remember the story? Peter had walked with Jesus for many months and had natural knowledge of Jesus. But one day everything changed when Jesus asked a simple question.

"When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, 'Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?' So they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered and said, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' Jesus answered and said to him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'" (Matthew 16: 13-19, NKJV)

I think this had to be one of the most wonderful moments for Jesus in all of His ministry! His disciples were getting it! Upon Peter's profession of faith, Jesus made an announcement and said, *"Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it."* Upon this rock? What rock? The rock of revelation! Upon the rock of revelation Jesus would and is building His church.

Jesus went so far as to say that this rock of revelation knowledge was one of the big keys of His kingdom and all of Satan's authority, power, and strongholds could not prevail against those who walked in revelation knowledge!

Would you like to take hold of the key of knowledge today? Let's ask God for it...

"Father, according to Ephesians 1: 15-18, I thank You for the keys of Your kingdom—the key of revelation knowledge. Today, I ask You for the spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that I may know You and Your Word better. I ask You for the key of revelation knowledge so that I may access more and more of Your kingdom. In Jesus' Name. Amen."

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WYDKWYDK - Part 4: Ready to Rumble?



"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 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."
2 Corinthians 10: 3-5, KJV

Are you ready to rumble? You are in a fight whether you like it or not! This week, we are taking some time to look at the importance of "WYDKWYDK—When You Don't Know What You Don't Know."

In case you haven't figured it out yet, Satan is fighting night and day to keep you from obtaining the revelation knowledge of God and His Word. There is no doubt about it; the enemy doesn't want us to know what we don't know!

Have you ever noticed that every spiritual fight begins and ends with the knowledge of God? Look at the passage in 2 Corinthians 10 again—what is the spiritual fight all about? It's a battle for knowledge—the accurate, correct, revelation knowledge of God. The devil knows that the minute we obtain the revelation knowledge of God and all that He's provided for us—who we are in Christ, our weapons, our authority and power in the Name of Jesus—his work in our lives is toast! So, he fights to keep people from obtaining the knowledge of God. He works to keep believers in the state of "when they don't know what they don't know." He uses strongholds, imaginations, reasoning, arguments, pretensions and thoughts in an effort to come against the knowledge of God. In other words, people allow family or religious strongholds, negative imaginations, logic, secular arguments, politically-correct pretense and ungodly thoughts to dominate their mind and heart—and they stay locked outside of God's best.

If we, in the Body of Christ, ever truly discover through the revelation knowledge of God's Word, who we really are in Christ and all that belongs to us through Christ (the benefits of mental peace, health, healing, wellness, prosperity, abundance, favor, authority and the overcoming life of faith) the devil would be absolutely terrorized! If we in the Body of Christ ever recognize our authority as believers and enforce Satan's defeat through the Name of Jesus and the Word of God—this planet would not be the same!

Obviously, Satan knows these things and he works overtime to minimize, divide, belittle, distract and blind the minds of people to keep them from vital revelation knowledge of the Word. That last thing the devil wants is for any believer to grow in revelation knowledge and to proclaim it to others.

If you get hungry for God and the revelation knowledge of His Word—get ready to rumble! Use the weapons you've been given to obtain the knowledge of God and share the good news of Jesus Christ with others.

"Father, I am hungry for You and the revelation knowledge of Your Word. I thank You for the weapons of my warfare—the Word of God and the Name of Jesus—which are mighty through You for pulling down strongholds and casting down every imagination and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God. In Jesus' Name. Amen."

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WYDKWYDK - Part 5: It's Worth the Price



"And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure."
2 Corinthians 12:7, KJV

When you don't know what you don't know—the devil eats your lunch through ignorance. When you go after the revelation knowledge of God and His Word—you eat the devil's lunch by spreading that knowledge! Which would you prefer?

The Apostle Paul was filled with an abundance of revelation knowledge and he ate the devil's lunch by spreading the news of the glorious gospel everywhere he went and through writing over half of the New Testament...and it came with a price.

This week, we have talked about the disadvantage of WYDKWYDK (When You Don't Know What You Don't Know) as well as the incredible benefits of knowing what you know! That is, the power of being filled with the revelation knowledge of God—using the key of knowledge to access every spiritual blessing that belongs to us. While these things are glorious and true, we must also understand that if we want to be used by God—to pass on the key of revelation knowledge and spread the gospel of Jesus to help others—we'll probably have to pay a price!

I don't know anyone, who has been filled with the revelation knowledge of God and mightily used of the Lord, who didn't pay a price of some sort. For some, it may have been lonely years of seeking God on the backside of a desert. For others, it may have been a trial of patience in hope that seemed to be deferred and then deferred again. Still, for others, it may have been one persecution after another.

The Apostle Paul paid a price to help people know what they know. He was filled with an abundance of revelation and preaching up a storm everywhere! Here's his story: *"And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure."* (2 Corinthians 12:7, KJV)

Satan didn't want Paul or his ministry or his teaching or his preaching to be exalted! Satan did not want the revelation knowledge Paul had to spread! To

hinder Paul and stop the revelation knowledge of Jesus from being expanded and exalted, Satan sent harassment. He sent a "thorn in the flesh"—literally, a spirit being, a demon or a "messenger of Satan"—to stir up persecution and trouble wherever Paul went.

As we look at Paul's life, we see the price Paul paid so that you and I could know what we know.

"Are they ministers of Christ?—I speak as a fool—I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness—besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches." (2 Corinthians 11:23-28, NKJV)

This "thorn in the flesh" didn't stop Paul; because of his love for the Lord and his passion to spread the knowledge of Jesus Christ everywhere, he was able to say this...

"Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Corinthians 12:8-10, NKJV)

What about us? Are we like the Apostle Paul? Do we know what we know and are we ready to share the gospel of Jesus and the revelation knowledge of His Word with everyone, everywhere? We may have to pay a price—but His grace will be sufficient and eternity will tell the full story—it's worth the price!

"Father, I am so thankful that I know what I know. I thank You for the revelation knowledge of Your Word, the key of knowledge and access to all the blessings Jesus purchased for me. I want the knowledge of God and of Jesus to be exalted to spread in my sphere of influence. Use me, Lord. Help me to pay the price of being alone, being patient or being persecuted to spread the news and knowledge of God! In Jesus' Name. Amen."

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Blessings,



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