

The Challenge to Know God

2 Chronicles 34:1-33



How Well Do You Know God?

- Some have been members of the Lord's church most of their lives
- Jesus understood importance of apostles getting to know him
 - **Acts 17:6**
- Apostles understood the importance of getting to know Jesus
 - **Acts 1:21; Acts 4:13**

King Josiah, 2 Chronicles 34

- **Background**

- Grandfather-Manasseh
- Father-Amon

- Failed to hold fast to faith of their fathers
- Failed to cultivate relationship w/God
- Literally lost God's word

**WICKED
KINGS**

*Impossible to Know God
Without His Word*

Josiah, The Boy King

- **2 Chronicles 34:1-3**
 - **Responsibilities enormous**
 - Armies to command
 - Battles to win
 - People to feed
 - Politics to negotiate
 - **Not old enough to cross the street by himself, however...**
 - He did God's will, neither right nor left
 - Age 16, Sought God's will
 - Age 22, Purged Judah of all idols & images₄

Josiah Knew God

- **2 Chronicles 34:8-13**
 - Josiah restores the temple
 - Levites, the priests, returned to their duties
 - All men worked faithfully & served God
- **2 Chronicles 34:14-16**
 - God's word found
 - Israel's most important document
 - Years past, God's word lost; God forgotten
- **2 Chronicles 34:29-33**
 - Josiah reads God's word to the people

To Know God One Must...

- **Spend time with God**
 - **Romans 10:17**, “Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.”
 - **Hebrews 11:6**, “...without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”
 - More than just recognize his existence
 - More than just seeking him

To Know God One Must...

- Crave God's Word

- **1 Peter 2:2**, *“As newborn babes desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby...”*

- Understand God's Word

- **2 Timothy 2:15**, *“Study to show thyself approved unto God...rightly dividing the word of truth.”*

- Obey God's Word

- **1 Peter 4:17**, *“...what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?”*

To Know God one Must...

- **BELIEVE**, **John 8:24**, “...if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.”
- **REPENT**, **Luke 13:3**, “...except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.
- **CONFESS**, **Matthew 10:32**, “Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.”
- **BAPTIZED**, **Acts 2:38**, “...Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins...” 8

One Who Truly Knows God...

- **Revelation 2:10**, “...*faithful unto death*...”
- **1 John 1:7**, “...*walk in the light, as he is in the light*...”
- **John 4:24**, “... *worship him in spirit and in truth.*”
- **Hebrews 10:25**, “*Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together...*”
- **Studies, Prays, Gives, Encourages, Works, Exemplifies, Evangelizes, Grows, etc.**

Do You Really Know God?

Crave God's Word

Understand God's Word

Obey God's Word

