

Saturday, 1/17/26 at 4:00 | Sunday, 1/18/26 at 9:00



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## Do You Know This Important Pattern?

**Knowing ➡ Believing ➡ Applying ➡ Receiving**

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By the Holy Spirit: Let's ♣understand and ♣apply the Bible in our lives!

## Introduction

**Dear friends in Christ:** Have you ever been entrusted with a secret – *like the location of a hidden treasure*? Wouldn't it be amazing to ♣know the location and ♣retrieve the treasure?

In this sermon, *called **AMAZING SECRETS***, I will be sharing some things from the Bible that are not commonly known – *like secrets*. For those who know them, believe them, and apply them, *the LORD is promising amazing benefits!*

This sermon is not about justification – *how God made us right in His sight*, but sanctification – *how we are being called to live as God's holy children*. May God's promises of **amazing benefits** give us *much encouragement to go His way!*

## Mere Knowing and Believing Have **NO** Benefits

Here are three examples:

### Spiritual Health:

- Some people know and believe ♦who Jesus is – *the Son of God*, **and** ♦what Jesus has done – *living sinlessly and dying sacrificially*, **but** they have **no** benefits. Why?
- They know and believe in their **heads**, **but** they are **not** open to God's work in their **hearts**! So, they have **no** benefits!

### Physical Health:

- I know and believe that if I **consistently** eat healthy and exercise, *I will feel better and look better.*
- **But** merely knowing and believing have **no** benefits!



### Financial Health:

- At some point in your life, someone has probably told you about the miracle of compound interest: If a person invested \$2,000 per year at an average of 8% interest for 40 years, he would have over \$500,000.
- THINK: He invested **80k** *but ended up with over 500k!* For all who have known the formula **and** believed in the miracle **but** have **not** consistently done it, *they are not in possession of the benefits!*

The sections that follow (in this sermon and the next) from **Proverbs chapter 3** contain **five** of the *many* **AMAZING SECRETS** found in the Bible. This is the pattern:

**Know ➡ Believe ➡ Apply ➡ Receive**

*Let us receive the LORD's **Amazing Blessings** in our lives!*

## When We Know and Do the LORD's Commandments

### *– There Will Be Amazing Benefits*

**3:1-2** [What to **know** and **do**:] **My son, do not forget my teaching, but have your heart comply with [*obey*] my commandments; [**WHY?**] for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you.**

- How do we get those benefits? We must ➔ **Hear** God's word, ➔ **believe** it to be true, and ➔ **consistently** do it! Hearing and believing are important, *but it is also critical to consistently put God's word into practice!*
- **Then – *hearing, believing, and doing* –** we will have ➔ length of days and ➔ years of life and ➔ peace!

## When We Know and Do Kindness and Truth

### *– There Will Be Amazing Benefits*

**3:3-4** [What to **know** and **do**:] **Do not let kindness and truth leave you; [How do you prevent that?] bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. [**WHY**, what will be the advantages?] **...you will find favor and a good reputation in the sight of God and man.****

- How do we get those benefits?
  - **Kindness** [*goodness*] and **truth** must be very important to us. When they are, we will keep them: ➔ around our necks (in a safe place) and ➔ written on our hearts (where no one can take them away from us). *But more is necessary to get the benefits.*
  - We must also *consistently live* ➔ goodness and ➔ truth in our daily lives!
- **Then**, we will find ➔ favor and ➔ a good reputation *in the sight of God and man!*

Did you catch the GREAT IMPORTANCE of **Knowing**, **Believing**, and **Applying**? *I hope so!*

**Part 2:** These are the amazing benefits:

- Knowing the best decision in every circumstance!
- Feeling good physically and being right with God spiritually!
- Having an abundance of all we need!

**Let Us Pray:** Dear Father in heaven, TYSM for ♦loving us, ♦choosing us, and ♦making us Your own!

Help us to see the importance of not only knowing and believing but also applying Your word in our daily lives!

Then, help us to ➡rightly understand Your word and ➡gladly make thorough application in our lives – *confident that You will gift us with the amazing, promised benefits!*