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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!*

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