

I Got to Have “MORE”!

I have joint problems from playing football in college. Training by lifting weights is very hard on your joints. So I have a slight case of arthritis. My wife and I found a natural way to treat our arthritis. We take flax seed oil, vitamin D3, multi-omega 369 for our joints. And it works – no more pain in our joints for the most part. This combination of vitamins is good for my body. So, I must have more of the recommended daily dose. *I Got to Have More*, it is good for my body.

Focus of Scripture: Philippians 1:1-11

I. More Christ-Like Love V9

A. What does His love look like? *I Corinthians 13:1-8*

B. This is what his love looks like. And we need a healthy daily dose to *display love in our homes, at our place of employment, in our communities, and among one another.*

C. To attain His love, we must daily pursue Him with all of our hearts.
Mark 12:29-31 (All)

II. More Real Knowledge V9

Colossians 1:9-20 “...to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding...”

A. We must understand that “real knowledge” comes from God.
Ephesians 1:17-20

B. Information about God and knowing God; the two are linked in human experience.

C. God has revealed Himself by communicating with mankind: by showing Himself in creation, in His written Word, and in Jesus Christ.

D. We are called on to acknowledge and respond appropriately to what God has revealed. It is within this interaction between revelation and response that we start to know God personally and grow in that personal relationship.

Matthew 6:25-34 (Seek Him first + He Is the Provider = NO Worry)
We learn to trust in Him and not ourselves.

III. More Discernment V9

A. *Solomon Prayer: I Kings 3:6-15*

B. *We need to daily pursue His wisdom and discernment in all of our life issues. King Solomon in his dream could have asked God for anything, but what was on his heart was God’s people. He wanted to do a good job in leading them, so he asks God for wisdom.*

- C. Truly there is nothing too small, large, or difficult that God's wisdom cannot cover. (*The **Book of Proverbs** - mostly written by Solomon, called the book of wisdom, **Ecclesiastes** was written by Solomon; for the most part of this book, Solomon speaks about the most important thing **which is to love and obey God.***

IV. Why More? To Fill Up His Fruit Cup VV 10-11

Galatians 5:16-25

- A. When we walk by the Spirit, this daily process will push out the dominate control of our fleshly nature.
The Conflict of Two Natures - Romans 7:14-25

B. Filling Christ "Fruit Cup" brings about a "**crucified flesh**". To live is to walk and to walk is to live by God's Spirit.

Philippians 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

(We are His Holy Divine "Set Apart" "Fruit Cup").

The more we want Him, the more He will give of Himself unto us. And the more He gives of Himself unto us, it will bring about a "Paradigm Shift" or transformation within us to become like Christ. Our fruit cup will be filled with Him and we will walk in His shadow of obedience.

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1. What do you believe you need more of, His Love, His Knowledge, His Wisdom?
John 14:26
2. What hinders you from receiving more of Christ?
3. If you want more are you willing to pay the price? ***Luke 14:25-35***