

# Reverence

*Have you ever been in love?*

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## Nuggets for Navigating

- RESOURCES - (Gotta make that money)
- RELATIONSHIPS - (Life's most complex maze)
- READINESS - (Living By Design)
- REVELATION - (Who told you so?)
- RIDDLES - (When My World Is Shaking)
- **REVERENCE - (Have You Ever Been in Love?)**
- RESULTS - (Life is No TV Show)
- REPAIRS - (...for broken places)

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## Proverbs 1

- 1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:
- 2 To know wisdom and instruction,  
To perceive the words of understanding,
- 3 To receive the instruction of wisdom,  
Justice, judgment, and equity;
- 4 To give prudence to the simple,  
To the young man knowledge and discretion—

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## Proverbs 1

- 5 A wise *man* will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel,
- 6 To understand a proverb and an enigma,  
The words of the wise and their riddles.
- 7 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of knowledge,  
*But* fools despise wisdom and instruction.
- 8 My son, hear the instruction of your father,  
And do not forsake the law of your mother;
- 9 For they *will be* a graceful ornament on your head,  
And chains about your neck.

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- Lord, I pray that the Word, today, would find good soil in my heart.
- **I reject the thoughts of offense!** Where the light of Your Word exposes my mistakes, I do not take offense. I will change and turn to You, my heavenly Father.
- **I reject condemnation!** Your Word says, *“That Jesus did not come to condemn people.”* This Word does not come to condemn me, but it comes to heal me.
- **I reject accusation!** Satan is the accuser of brothers and sisters and this Word does not come to accuse me or abuse me. This Word exposes satan and his lies and I choose to believe and receive the TRUTH.

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God says in His Word, “...blessed *are* my eyes for they see, and my ears for they hear; for many prophets and righteous *men* desired to see what I see, and did not see *it*, and to hear what I hear, and did not hear *it*. (Matthew 13:16)

***Therefore I will hide Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against (or miss) the will of God.***  
(Psalm 119:11-12)


**Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your Word today.** (Psalm 119:16-18)

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**Reverence**

**Have you ever been in love?**






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**A relationship can change your priorities**

- For your wife, you will drop everything.
- For a brother, you change your plans.
- For your niece or nephew, you will drive the extra mile to find the perfect gift.

How much more when it comes to our relationship with God?



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**Nugget of Wisdom:**  
Live with reverence and fear of God.

**Reverence and Fear of God:**

- We care more about what God thinks about what we say and do than the rest of the crowd.
- God's opinion of us and our actions matters more than everyone else.

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## Intimacy

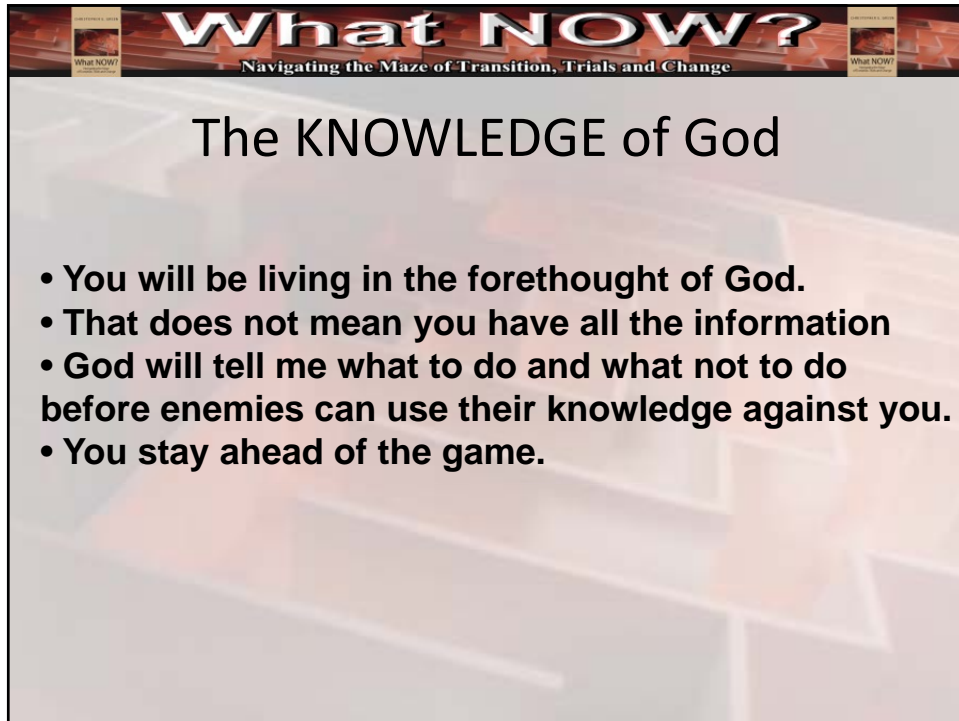
- We all have a need for intimacy.
- Intimacy and sex are not the same thing.
- Sex is one expression of intimacy.
- What we all truly desire is to be known, understood and accepted. (Intimacy)

Fear and Reverence is about having an intimate relationship with GOD.  
Reverence and Intimacy go hand in hand.

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## The KNOWLEDGE of God

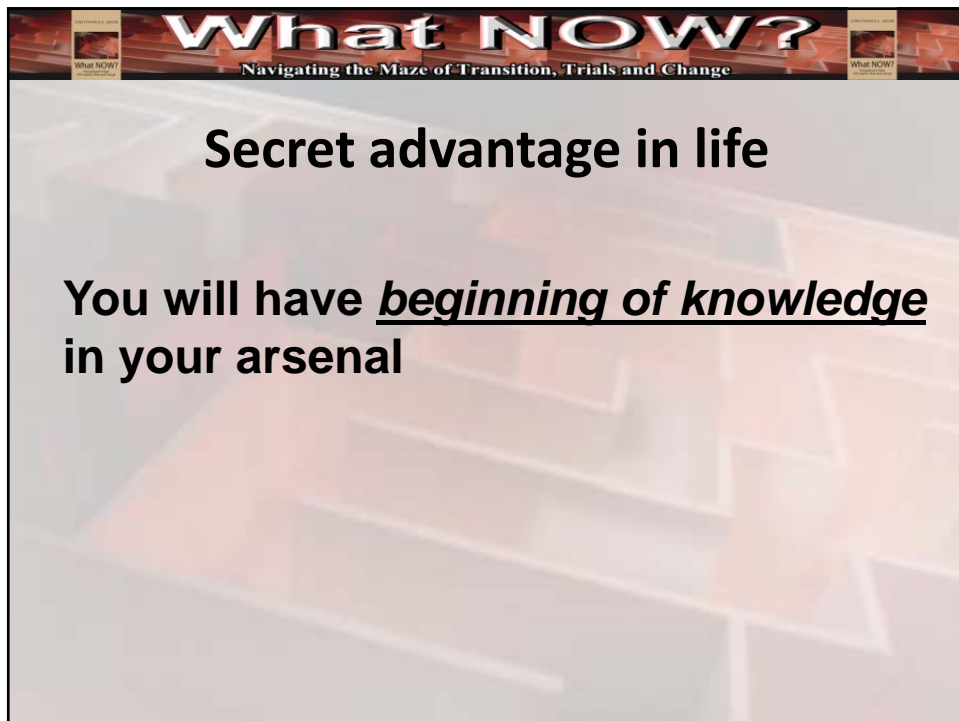
- Since knowledge is power, that power and knowledge can also be used against you.
- Start with the fear (Intimacy) of the Lord, you will be ahead of the game.
- The fear of the Lord is the BEGINNING of knowledge.
- You will be operating in the foreknowledge of God.

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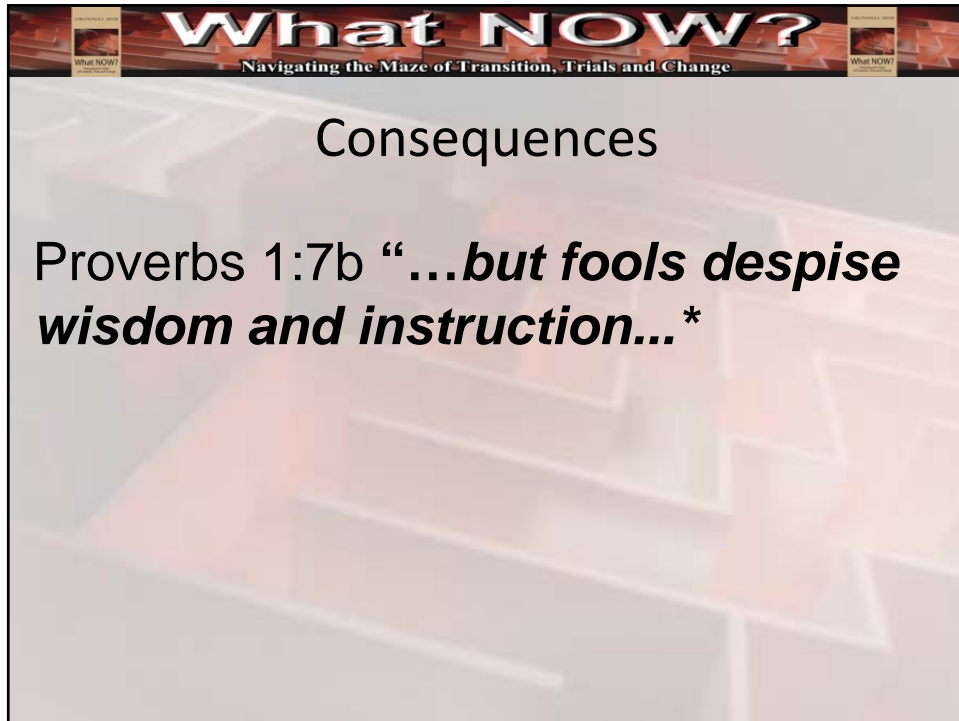
- You will be living in the forethought of God.
- That does not mean you have all the information
- God will tell me what to do and what not to do before enemies can use their knowledge against you.
- You stay ahead of the game.

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## Secret advantage in life

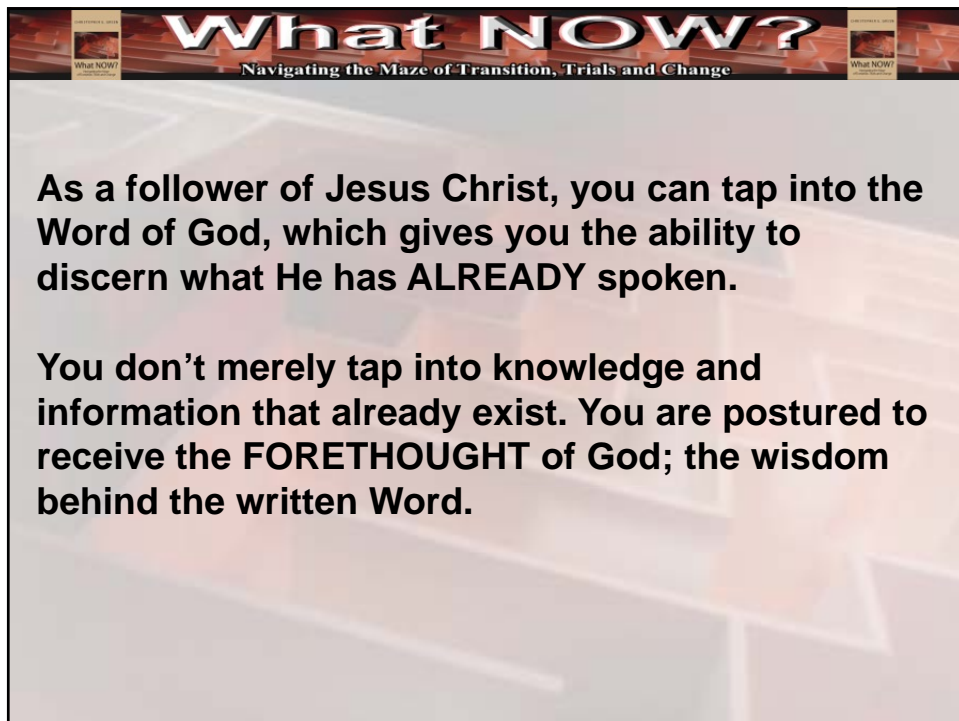
You will have *beginning of knowledge* in your arsenal

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## Consequences

Proverbs 1:7b “...***but fools despise wisdom and instruction...***”\*


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**As a follower of Jesus Christ, you can tap into the Word of God, which gives you the ability to discern what He has ALREADY spoken.**

**You don't merely tap into knowledge and information that already exist. You are postured to receive the FORETHOUGHT of God; the wisdom behind the written Word.**






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**Some enemy is going to be so far ahead of you in knowledge, skill, and information that you won't stand a chance.**

**You will have to have the forethought of God to get ahead and stay ahead.**

**There is only one way to get the beginning of knowledge and that is to have the fear of the Lord. That fear (reverence) comes out of an intimate relationship with God.**



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## **The Thermometer**

**Jesus made a profound statement that was recorded in the Bible. He said,**

**“If you love Me, keep My commandments.”  
(John 14:15)\***

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## The Thermometer

This was a directive that was given to serve as a thermometer, not as a thermostat.

A thermostat initiates a change in temperature.

A thermometer is used to simply measure the temperature.

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## The Thermometer

Jesus was saying that you can measure the intensity of your love for him by your willingness to follow His words.

This is the measure of your fear of the Lord.

This is the beginning of knowledge for the rest of your life.

This is what it means to be in love with God.



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