

Prayer Focus This Week

“I Know!”

A few years ago, I had a good friend who would periodically ask me for spiritual advice, and quite often their response to my counsel was “I know!” It made me wonder - if they already knew the answer, why bother asking me? As I asked the Lord about this week’s Focus, He reminded me of this, and I realized there are a LOT of things we all *know* about, but do we *do* them? Let’s see...

- We all *know* we need to read the Bible every day...
 - ...but *do* we?
- We all *know* we need to pray every day...
 - ...but do we?
- We all *know* our lives should reflect God’s glory every day...
 - ...but *do* they?
- We all *know* we are to be a light amidst the prevailing darkness...
 - ...but *are* we?
- We all *know* we should love one another (and not be judgemental)...
 - ...but *do* we?
- We all *know* we should love our enemies and bless those who curse us...
 - ...but *do* we?
- Husbands - we all *know* we should love, honor, and protect our wives...
 - ...but *do* we?
- Wives - we *know* we should love, honor and submit to (promote) husbands...
 - ...but *do* we?
- Parents - we all *know* we’re not to provoke or exasperate our children...
 - ...but *do* we?
- Children - we *know* we are supposed to obey and respect our parents...
 - ...but *do* we?
- We all *know* we’re to submit to and pray for those in authority over us...
 - ...but *do* we?

You might be reading this and think it’s not a big deal, but if you read what James 4:17, you might realize it IS a big deal: “Anyone, then who **knows** the good he ought to do and doesn’t **do** it, sins” In John 8:31b-32 Jesus said “**If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will **know** the truth, and the truth will set you free.**” Holding to Jesus’ teaching means being obligated to be accountable to His teaching. We can *know* what the word says, but if we don’t apply the word to our lives and *do* what it says, we are not free; we are captives of sin!