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What Do You Know?




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Talmidim of Yeshua

- **Western teaching:** philosopher – student
 - Socrates—Plato—Aristotle

- Primarily knowledge-based – I want to *know* what you *know*
- **Eastern teaching:** rabbi – disciple (*talmid*)
 - Primarily relationship-based – I want to *be like* you

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What would a disciple (*talmid*) learn from his or her Rabbi?
Discipline! – Training that corrects, molds, and shapes our character.

1. The Inward Disciplines:
 - Prayer; Meditation; Worship; Fasting; Study
2. The Outward Disciplines:
 - Simplicity; Solitude; Submission; Service
3. The Corporate Disciplines:
 - Confession; Praise; Guidance; Celebration

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Where do we begin our journey with Jesus as our Rabbi?
With a Hebrew understanding of what it means to truly *know* something.

Matthew 11:27 – know

- GINŌSKŌ (γινωσκω) – to be taking in knowledge, to come to know, recognize, understand, or to understand completely (EPIGINŌSKŌ).
- GINŌSKŌ frequently indicates a *relationship* between the person knowing and the object known.

What is atonement?

Western: Reconciliation between God and humans through Jesus death. – **in the mind.**

Eastern: Jesus, as You went to the cross, You died in my rightful place and opened the way for me to be at peace with Your Father, Who has adopted me as His son through You. Thank You for Your amazing sacrifice that enables me to have this relationship restored. – **in the heart.**

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Head Knowing:
Jesus is the only way to God, and you need Him.

Impersonal, information
Cold, polarizing, dull, repulsive
Often leads to dogmatism, disputes, debate, PRIDE



Heart Knowing:
I gave my life to Jesus a while back and my life has never been more beautiful and exciting—full of peace, joy, contentment, and love—I would love for you to meet Him.

Personal, experiential
Warm, inviting, fascinating, contagious
Will lead to compassion, patience, acceptance, LOVE

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How do we begin to truly know – from the heart instead of from the head?

There is only one way to know truths in our hearts:

1 Corinthians 2:10-14

- Only through the presence of the Spirit of the Truth in our hearts! (**John 16:13**)
 - **1 John 2:27** – the Spirit will teach us truths in our heart!
- In order for the written Word of God to become a living Word from God to me, He must give us "a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him."
 - **Ephesians 1:17-19** – that we may *know!*
- When we know something deep in our heart, nothing can shake or rattle us. Nothing.

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Paul demonstrates this to us in many places:

- 2 Corinthians 11:23-27
- Romans 1:16 – “I am not ashamed”
- 2 Timothy 1:12 – “for I *know* whom I have believed”

“The normal Christian life must begin with a very definite ‘knowing,’ which is not just knowing something about the truth nor understanding some important doctrine. It is not an intellectual knowledge at all, but an opening of the eyes of the heart to see what we have in Christ.”

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- John 8:32 – Disciples of Jesus *know* the Truth!
- John 10:27 – hear; know; follow
- Matthew 7:23 – “I never *knew* you”
 - You were never one of my disciples, because we were never in relationship.

What Do You Know?

Now What?

- How have you been learning? Knowledge-based or relational-based?
- Can you give specific examples of these two contrasts in learning in your own experience?
- Spend time together in prayer asking our Lord to lead you into a relational-based discipleship.