

# **The Know-So Christian**

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**"I know whom I have believed"**

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## **CHAPTER 6**

### **CONCLUSION**

#### **Vital Secrets of Growth in Grace**

In closing this book, I must urge you to be a student of the Bible. Dr. Herbert Lockyer, renowned Bible teacher, gives this bit of advice on how to read the Bible:

1. Read the Bible itself, allowing the HOLY SPIRIT to guide. Don't depend much on helps.
2. Read prayerfully
3. Read obediently. (You must obey the light already received, if you would receive more light.)
4. Read patiently. Lay aside questions you can't answer, and one day on reading another part of the Bible you will see the answer you need.

Then Dr. Lockyer adds this terse bit of advice, "The important question is not, 'How many times have you gone through the Bible?' but 'How many times has the Bible gone through you?'"

Be not only a student of the Bible, but a diligent reader of definitely Christian literature. I think one of the tragedies of the Christian home is the absolute lack of Christian literature. The Bible is there, yes. But it is more worn on the outside than on the inside. The magazine rack is often filled with popular magazines, and in thousands of so-called Christian homes there is not one Christian magazine, or helpful book on Bible study, not one commentary on the Bible, and the children are brought up in spiritual ignorance. Dear Know-So Christian, will you resolve to see to it that **your** home shall not be like that? Paul said to Timothy, "Give attention to reading." When he was in prison at Rome he wrote, "**bring the parchments!**, or "bring the books!"

No home that can afford a radio is too poor to afford good books and magazines.

And books. Do you know that there are scores of good Christian story books for young people and children to read? Some one has said, "Show me what a man reads, and I will show you what kind of a man he is."

You ought to have a Bible concordance, and a good devotional book. They are inexpensive, and indispensable to desired spiritual growth.

And your church? Where do you go? Do you attend regularly? You **must** go regularly, to be at your best for CHRIST - if there is a CHRIST-honoring, Bible-believing, thoroughly Scriptural Work of GOD in your community. And if you are truly a Know-So Christian, you ought to be a worker there. Does your pastor preach the WORD? Is it the right WORD? Is it the indestructible King James Version? If not, **you are sinning against your soul by being there, and against his own lost soul by seeming to approve his ministry!** While he might not be lost in the sense of his salvation, he certainly is lost in the sense that he is steering the ship of state without a compass!

Don't be afraid of shocking your friends or family by refusing to listen to "**modernistic**" sermons which deny the foundational truths of the Bible. Be courteous, but remember that to show the true spirit of CHRIST, you must take a definite stand against false teaching. Have an open mind for the truth, but a closed mind against modernistic errors. Be willing to be branded as "**narrow**" if it means that you are walking in the straight and narrow way with CHRIST.

Let the joy of the Lord be your strength. Keep yourself dethroned, and CHRIST enthroned. "For we **know**" that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared to the glory that shall be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18).

#### **AUTHOR'S FINAL, PERSONAL WORD:**

You may become a know-so Christian today -- NOW ... THIS VERY MINUTE!

If you sincerely mean business with GOD, then go alone somewhere today -- NOW . . . THIS MINUTE! and humbly pray aloud to Him this prayer.

#### **Dear Heavenly Father**

**Believing that the Lord Jesus Christ, Thine only begotten Son, is the Saviour I need, I here and now receive Him into my heart and life, and according to Thy Word, I BELIEVE THAT HE NOW GIVES ME ETERNAL LIFE.**

**Please give me grace and strength to live a true Christian life -- make me what You want me to be . . .**

**In JESUS' name . . . Amen**

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