

DO YOU REALLY KNOW JESUS?

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Do you ever ask yourself “Do I really know Jesus?” I realize that we all know about Jesus. We know where He was born. We know His parents and where He grew up. But do we really KNOW Jesus?

I heard a story of an actor and an old preacher who were both reciting the 23rd Psalm. They both did a wonderful job, but people were more impressed with the preacher. Why? The actor knew the Psalm but the preacher knew the Shepherd.

I believe that there is a difference between knowing about Jesus and knowing about Jesus. Do we really set our minds and hearts on Him? Do we let Him guide our thoughts? Paul did! Notice what he tells us in **Philippians 4:8**. Please read it with me.

Think on things that are true. The word of God is truth, according to **John 17:17**. How well do you know the Bible? Do you allow the Bible to guide you? If not, then we need to change.

Think on things that are honorable. Look at 1st century church. They were honest and real with each other. They were respected by the entire community.

Think on things that are right. The highest standard is expected from the highest authority. God expects us to do great things. We have to stay on the right path.

Think on things that are pure. What happened in **Genesis 6:5**? God found only one person who was pure on all the earth. That was Noah. You may be the only saved person in your family, but at least you are one person! Our minds should dwell on good and positive things.

Think on things that are lovely. This includes things that are acceptable and good to look at. Don't watch bad movies or listen to evil music.

Things that are of good reputation. In other words, think about things that are well spoken of. Don't listen to gossip or negative things. Build people up, don't tear them down.

Remember that after all these things in this text, Paul says he was content. He tells us that Christ gave Him the strength to do great things. That is what happens when you truly know Jesus.

Do you **REALLY** know Jesus? If not come to Him now, while we stand and sing.