

2 PETER 3:14-18 (NKJV)

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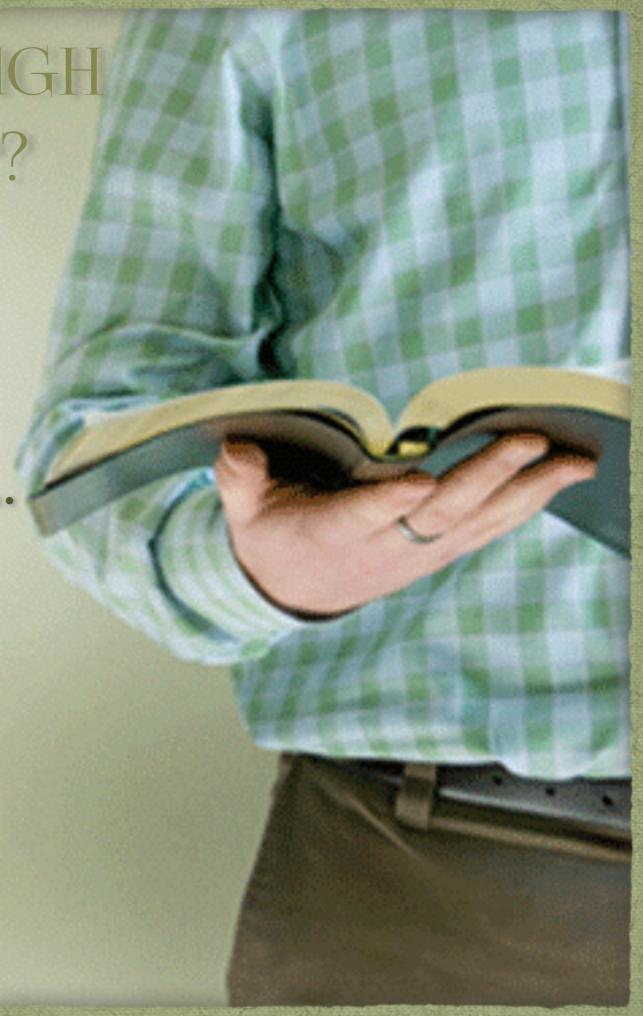
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THE SIMPLE
ANSWER: NO!

THE DANGER OF
GIVING FALSE HOPE ...

THE DANGER OF DISCOURAGEMENT ...

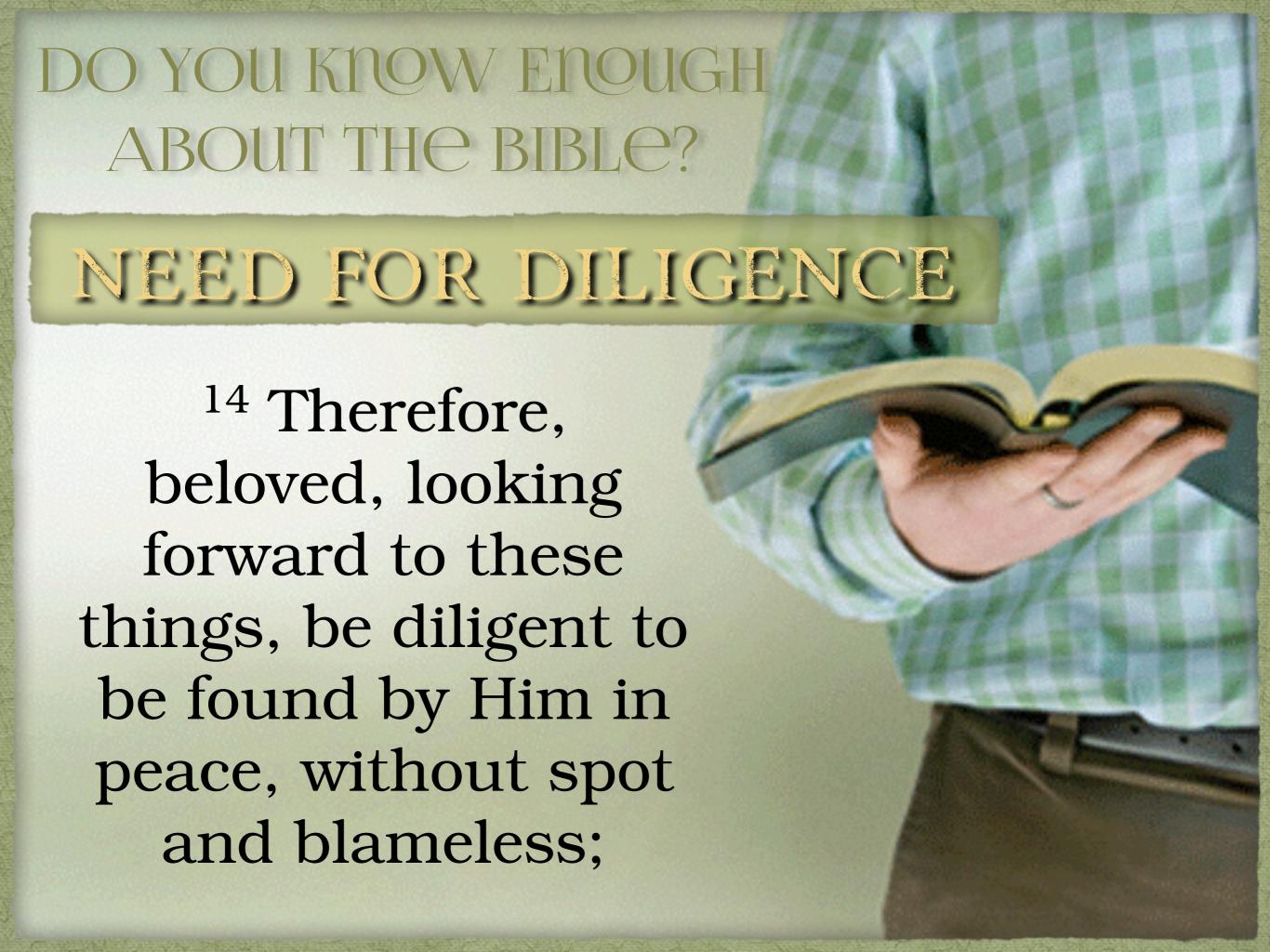
WE CAN HAVE
CONFIDENCE IN OUR
SALVATION ... HEB
6:13-20



THE BIBLE WAS WRITTEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD

- God desires that we understand His will (Deut 29:29; 1 Tim 2:3-4).
- God tells us to understand His will (Eph 5:17).
- Average people are capable of understanding it (In 6:44-45; 20:30, 31; Eph

3:3-5; 5:17).



NEED FOR DILIGENCE

- To show ourselves

 approved of God —

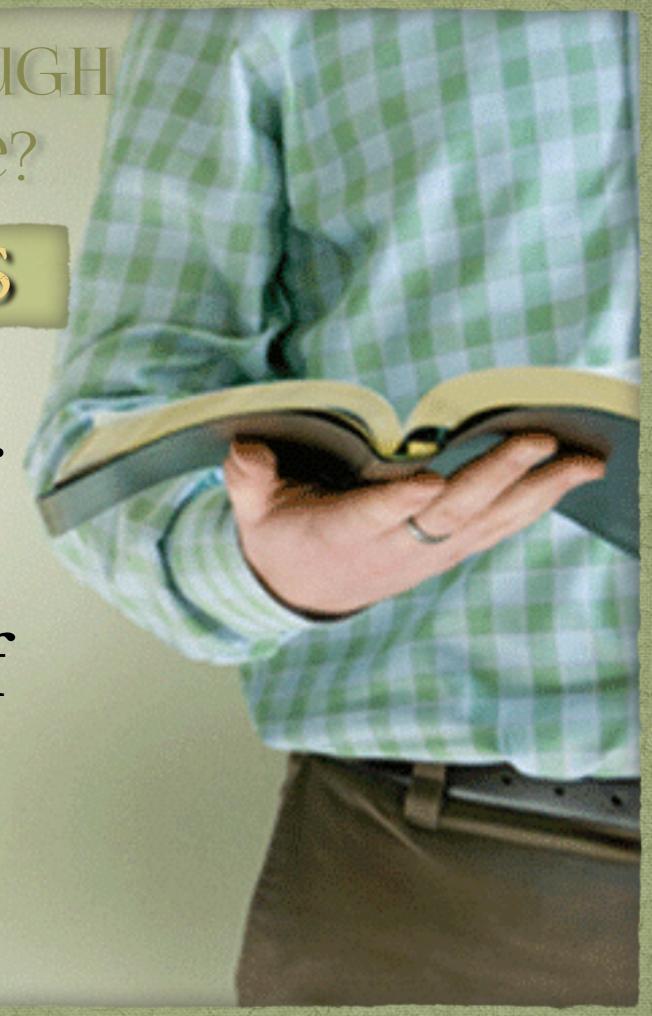
 2 Tim 2:15; Acts 17:11,12
- To grow spiritually 2 Peter 1:5-11; 1 Pet 2:2
- Manifests our LOVE for God & His word − Psalm 1:2; 119:97-104; John 7:17

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- God is patient with us Ps 86:15; Rom 2:4
- God desires us to come to a knowledge of the truth that we might be saved − 1 Tim 2:3,4; Mat 23:37; James 1:18,21

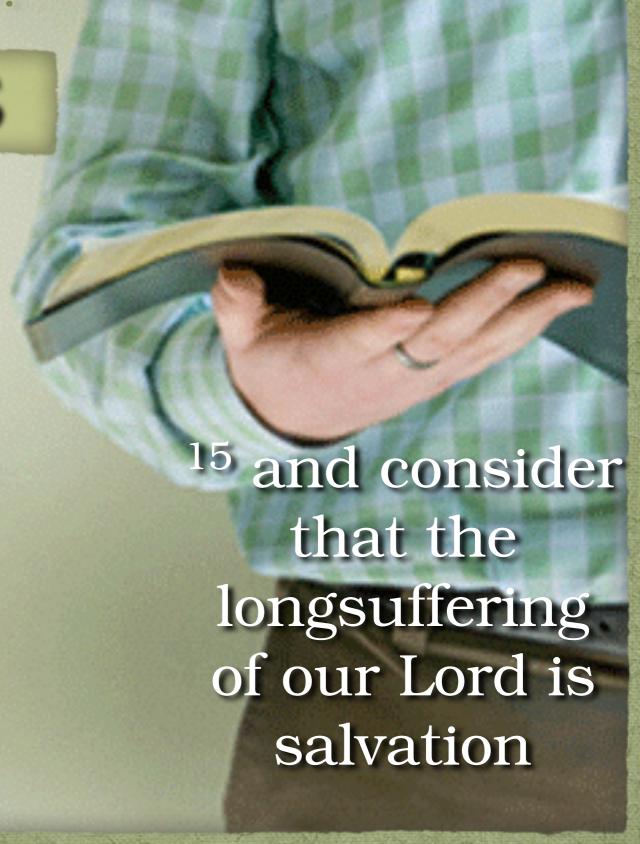
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DO YOU KIQW ERQUGH ABOUT THE BIBLE?

GOD IS FOR US

- God has given us all we need − 2 Pet 1:3; 2 Tim 3:16,17
- Those who Love
 Him will be saved—
 Rom 8:28; 1 The
 2:13; 2 The

2:13-16; 1 Jn 5:1-4



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Those who do not love the truth & do not desire to obey the truth will be LOST —

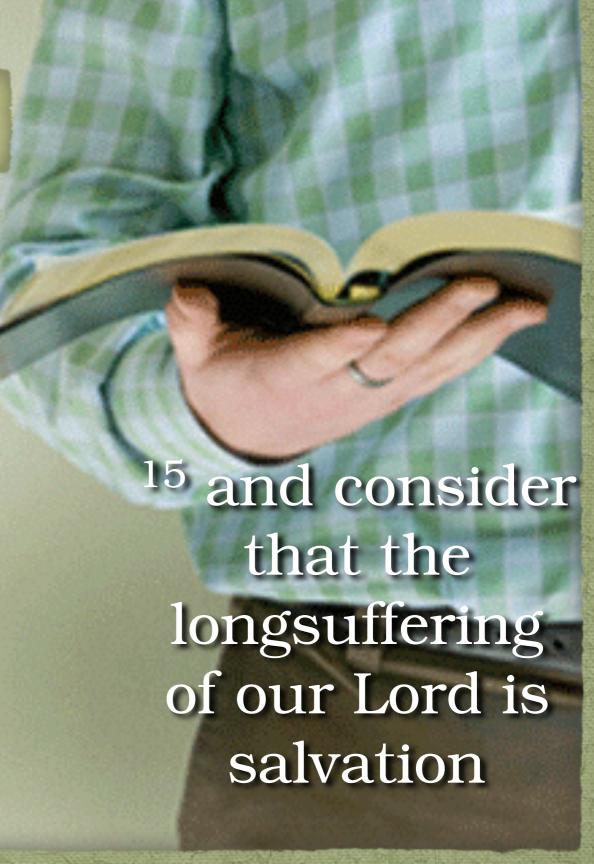
* 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12

* Romans 1:18-26

* 1 Cor 16:22

* 2 Timothy 3:6-9

* John 3:18-21



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- Some things are hard to understand? Romans; Revelation; Co 1:10
- The ignorant and unstable twist the word of God Psalm 56:5; Heb 5:12; Rom. 1:18-26; Gal 1:6-9; Rev 22:18,19; etc.

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OBEY WHAT YOU KNOW

- Stand fast in what you know is the truth 2 Pet 1:12; Col. 2:7; 2 Tim 3:15
- The fundamental principles of Christianity are NOT difficult to understand (The plan of salvation; the need to love God & obey Him) Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 8:30-39; 16:30-34; etc.

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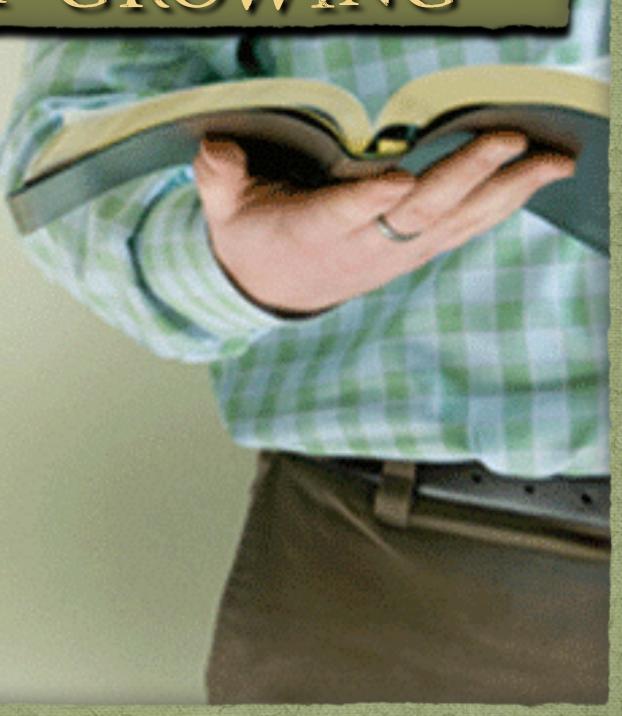
OBEY WHAT YOU KNOW

- If I am unwilling to obey the clear passages I will never understand the deeper things Lk 16:10
- Sin is deceptive / The danger of falling is real! 2 Pet 2:18-22; 1 Cor 10:1-12; Col. 1:23; Gal. 5:1-4; Heb. 3:13-4:11

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WE MUST KEEP GROWING

18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.



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- The verb "grow" is a present imperative, which means we should "be continually growing." 2 Pet 1:5-10; 2:2; Heb 5:12
- To grow, we must read, study, meditate on & obey God's word Ps 19:7-11; 2 Tim 2:15; 2 Pet 2:2; Rom 10:17; etc.

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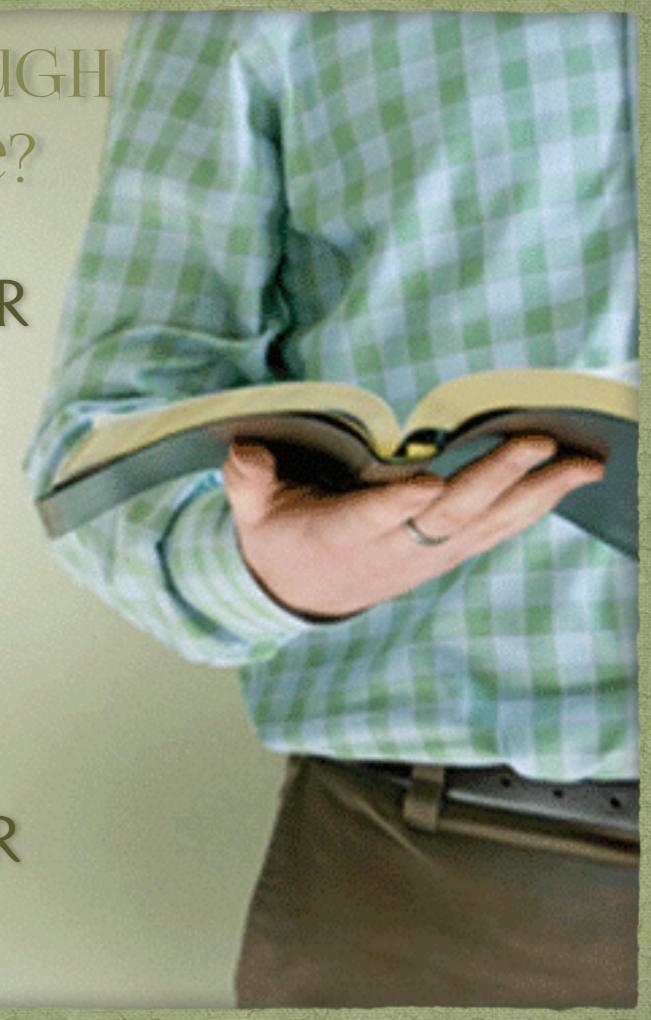
- Read your Bible Eph 3:5
- Attend Bible studies Acts 10:33; Heb 5:12
- Attend worship services 1 Cor 14; Heb 10:24,25; Eph 5:19; Col. 3:16
- Being doers of the word and not hearers only James 1:21-25

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DEVELOP HUNGER FOR THE TRUTH

DESIRE TO OBEY
THE TRUTH

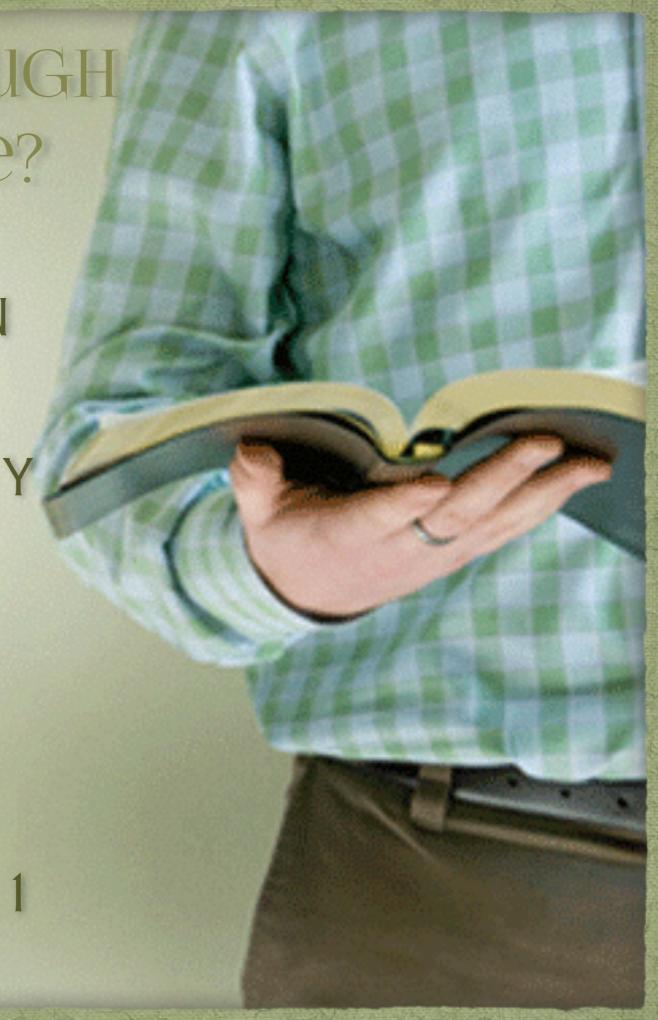
FOLLOWING THE TRUTH WHEREVER IT TAKES YOU

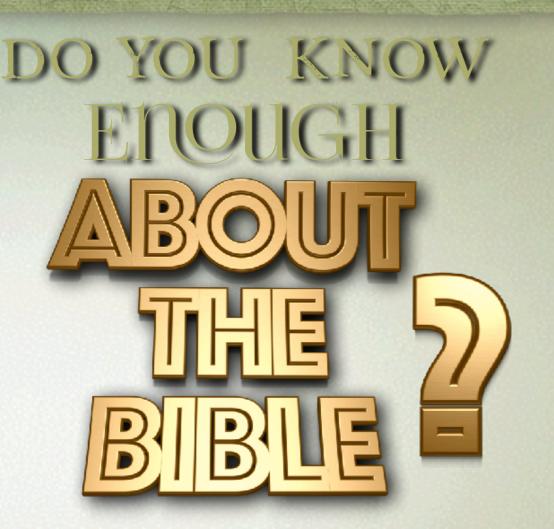


>IT MATTERS WHAT
YOU BELIEVE — JOHN
8:24; 32,33

> HONESTY & HUMILITY ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN INTELLIGENCE! — LUKE 8:15

SOBEY WHAT YOU
KNOW − ACTS 2:38; 1
JOHN 1:9,10





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HEBREWS 6:13-20 (NKJV)

13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, 14 saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." 15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

HEBREWS 6:13-20 (NKJV)

16 For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. 17 Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

HEBREWS 6:13-20 (NKJV) 19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.