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INTRODUCTION: KNOWING AND LIVING

Main Idea: *Scripture matters to human life because it is the word of God, and nothing matters to human life more than the God who has spoken.*

I. Scripture Matters to Life

Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

A. Posture of Heart Matters

All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the Lord. But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at My word. (Isaiah 66:2)

B. Hunger and Thirst for God Matters

C. Carefulness In Our Thoughts About God and His Word

1. **What is doctrine?** *Doctrine is biblical teaching on theological truths*
2. Thinking carefully about Scripture forces us to think about doctrine, and thinking about doctrine forces us think carefully about Scripture – both directions help us think carefully about God, which helps us think carefully about life.

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Example: The doctrine of justification. How can unholy sinners become rightly related to a holy, sinless God?

Romans 3:23-24:

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:11:

Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.”

II. The Doctrines of Scripture *Are* Practical

A. Living Flows From Knowing and Believing

B. The End of Our Instruction Is Love

As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine, nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith. The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. (1 Timothy 1:3-5)