



“But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine... Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled...so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our

Savior. Titus 2:1, 3-5, 10



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TRUE CONFESSIONS: | I WANT TO BE A KNOW-IT-ALL

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There is a saying, “knowledge is power.” Certainly, God is all knowing and all powerful, omniscience and omnipotence are two of His attributes. But God’s attributes cannot be separated; He has not more of one and less of another – they are all infinite and all holy, holy, holy. God doesn’t learn anything; He is the source of all knowledge. What a comfort there is in the character of God.

The ladies Tuesday night Bible study just finished the book *None Like Him*, by Jen Wilkin. Jen said she wrote this book so we “would consider the majesty of a limitless God. And that we would meditate on His perfections so that they become to us the most rational object of our reverence and awe. And along the way, stare down our tendency to ask others and even ourselves to be what only God is” (p.13). This was a very helpful book for me devotionally. It urged me to praise God for who He is and to examine my own heart in reflecting on His attributes.

I read this book last summer and then again as we did the

study together. Each time I found myself particularly convicted concerning God’s omniscience. I like to know stuff, lots of stuff. I enjoy reading and studying the Bible and I like to know as much as I can about stuff relating to things in my life. But I have often found that my knowledge seeking causes me to stumble. It causes me to be discontent. So, I began to question why? Why do I want to know what I want to know? I could say that I want to know the truth so that I can make the right decisions and to support righteousness and truth instead of deception and lies. That is a good Scriptural pursuit. The problem arises when I begin to seek more knowledge that God has afforded me to know. I can tell this is the case because this knowledge seeking doesn’t grant me what I seek, but rather leads me to be discontent. Jen says, “Our insatiable desire for information is a clear sign that we covet the divine omniscience. We want all the facts, but as finite beings we are not designed to have them. And, so, not surprisingly, unmeasured consumption of in-

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formation brings us not increased peace of mind, as we had hoped, but increased dissonance” (p.110). I have struggled with: how much to learn about something, how much time to put into learning about it, and how to know if my sources are even reliable and full of truth. I think that this Covid-19 has just given me even more things to add to the list. “The link between anxiety and not-knowing also shows itself in our craving for knowledge of the future” (p.114), say Wilkin. Yes, future knowledge is not our business; we need to trust that with the Lord. “Cast all your anxieties upon the Lord, because He cares for you” (1 Pet. 5:7).

My consolation, and I think it's a good one, is that God knows it all and I don't have to. I can trust His knowledge and His holy character. In my strivings for knowledge I need to ask, am striving to know God more – not just more knowledge about God, but to know Him personally – to delight in Him. What truly will be our confidence and peace during this time? Will it be in our almighty, sovereign, all powerful, all knowing God or will we trust in man, science, what we acknowledge as real truth, acquiring less restrictions.... I find no peace but in the One who has granted me peace and has promised never to leave me or forsake me. I will rest on Him and seek to know Him better. I will testify to His goodness. I will praise Him for His faithfulness.



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MAY 30 AT 1:00 PM
Emily Krestar is getting married in Wilkes County on June 20th. Wendy and the bridesmaids are hosting a Bridal Shower luncheon for Emily here at our church on Saturday, May 30th, at 1:00 PM. They would love for the ladies of our Grace church family to join them in the celebration of Emily's wedding! If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Wendy

before May 15th via text to 814-442-0061 or via email to wendyk27@carolina.rr.com. If circumstances should change due to the virus, you will be notified via text or email (the same way you RSVP'd). Emily is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target.

JULY LADIES' MEETING
We will be collecting and assembling goodie bags for the Young at Heart and for the military.

