

**What You Don't Know *Can* Hurt You**  
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*<sup>1</sup>Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;*

*<sup>2</sup>Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;*

*<sup>3</sup>Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.*

*<sup>4</sup>For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: **(1 Timothy 4:1-4)***

*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. **(Hosea 4:6)***

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Our lesson last week ended with the thought, "Don't lose your head while you're losing your head..." The Bible says that wisdom is the principle thing.

JOHN THE BAPTIST BEHEADED: MATTHEW CHAPTER 14

**HOW MUCH DO YOU REALLY KNOW ABOUT THE WORD OF GOD?**

**Name the original 12 Disciples:** (Mark 3:13-19)

1. Peter (originally named Simon)
2. Andrew
3. James (son of Zebedee, and John's brother)
4. James (son of Alphaeus)
5. John
6. Philip
7. Bartholomew
8. Thomas
9. Matthew
10. Simon the Zealot
11. Thaddeus
12. Judas

Who replaced Judas after he hanged himself? **Matthias** (Acts 1)

How many books are there in the Old Testament? **39**

How many books are there in the entire Bible. **66**

Name two men in the Bible who never died but were caught up to heaven?

Enoch, who walked with God and was no more (Genesis 5:22-24).

Elijah was caught up by a whirlwind into heaven (II Kings 2:11).

Keeping yourself enlightened regarding both spiritual and natural matters is a very crucial component to your existence and happiness. You do this by continuing to challenge yourself through study and by applying wise principles to your everyday life in order to continually elevate yourself from one level to the next. Regardless of what others are doing, refuse to become complacent.

### **Principles to Apply in Order to Achieve Your Goals:**

1. Write them down.
2. Decide which ones you'd like to complete first, and devise a plan to complete each one.
3. Do your research to determine the realistic timeframe for completion, which goals will require finances, which ones will require you to return to school and so forth...
4. Something will always happen to try and dissuade you. Don't become distracted.
5. Allow no one to discourage you. Learn the difference between constructive criticism and bad advice.
6. Don't discuss your goals and ambitions with those whose mindsets are not capable of carrying your vision.
7. Don't be afraid to revise your plan if needed as you become engrossed in the process of meeting your goals.
8. Always act with integrity and then ask God for favor.
9. Help someone else to meet one of his or her goals without demanding something in return.
10. In all things acknowledge God first and He will direct your path.
11. Never give up.

### **6 Bad Habits that Hinder Your Growth and Potential:**

1. Asking too many people for advice.
2. Trying to do everything in your own might without acknowledging God in anything.
3. Becoming discouraged too soon.
4. Trying to take on too much at once.
5. Allowing fear to set your goals and limitations.
6. Not knowing what you really want out of life.

### **7 Healthy Habits to Develop:**

1. A devoted prayer life.

2. Studying to equip yourself with wisdom and knowledge.
3. Freely giving to others who are in need.
4. Developing good organizational skills.
5. The ability to manage your time wisely, knowing how to prioritize.
6. Find something positive in negative situations.
7. Learning how to remain focused despite outside influences.