

## What Do You Know?

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### Introduction

1. 1 Corinthians 8:1-3
2. The context of the chapter is dealing with a “weak brother” this is a Christian that may not have the same knowledge about certain things as another.
3. Brethren can be weak in faith without being lost, we must attain to a stronger faith Hebrews 5:12-14
4. Christ died for both the weak and strong 1 Corinthians 8:11-12; Romans 14:9-13 thus it becomes How do I treat others
5. A number of factors must be taken into account while I am drawing conclusions about another brother
  - a. How long has he been a Christian
  - b. What is his religious background
  - c. How much opportunity has he had to receive solid Bible teaching
  - d. What does he believe
  - e. Why he believes what he believes
  - f. Is this a matter of opinion or salvation
6. This is why it is important for us to study God’s Word.

### II Discussion

1. Some knowledge puffeth up 1 Corinthians 8:1
  - a. We are to know some things; this does not mean we have to be timid about these things
    - i. The truth John 8:32
    - ii. We are to know fruits Matthew 7:16,20
    - iii. We can know if we are keeping His commandments 1 John 2:3-4
    - iv. We know we must have faith Hebrews 11:6
    - v. We know that all must repent Acts 17:31
    - vi. We know that all must be baptized to be saved 1 Peter 3:21
    - vii. We know that if the earthly house of this tabernacle be dissolved we have a building of God 2 Corinthians 5:1
  - b. But that does not mean we have attained all knowledge about that subject 2 Peter 3:18
  - c. We should not let knowledge “puff” us up Colossians 2:18; 1 Corinthians 8:1; 1:19-31
2. Some do not have the same knowledge 1 Corinthians 8:7
  - a. We must be willing to learn 2 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 4:15
  - b. We must be willing to teach 1 Timothy 3:2; 2 Timothy 2:24
  - c. The mission of the church is to teach Matthew 28:19-20
3. Yet I must be careful with this knowledge 1 Corinthians 8:10-12
  - a. Others are watching 1 Corinthians 11:26; Matthews 5:16
  - b. The way I do treat others does effect my eternal destiny Matthew 25:35-45
  - c. Paul said this was what he was willing to do 1 Corinthians 9:19-23
  - d. This is the discipline that we all need 1 Corinthians 9:27
  - e. Christ set the example for us Philippians 2:5-8; Matthew 26:39
4. It has to do with love 1 Corinthians 8:1
  - a. I am nothing without love 1 Corinthians 13:2, 3, 4
  - b. Let all things be done with charity 1 Corinthians 16:14

- c. We are to be walking charitably Romans 14:15
- d. Having the proper feelings for one another will results in the proper treatment of one another Philippians 2:1-4

### III Conclusion

1. What do you know?
2. Do you know enough to be saved? Then act and grow
3. Will you respond now?
4. If you have, but your love has grown weak then come back.

Sources: MSOP 2007; Vines Dictionary; Concordance