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# ***Essential Christianity:*** ***Knowing Truth – Living Strong***

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Not Only Can I Know the Truth, I Am to Live Out the Truth

## **God Wants Me to Use My Brain**

<sup>4:1</sup> Beloved, **do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits** to see whether they are from God

“and don’t stifle those who have a word from the Master. On the other hand, don’t be gullible. Check out everything, and keep only what’s good.”

***1 Thessalonians 5:20–21, MSG***

I Compare What Is Being Taught  
with The Clear Teaching of The Bible

Believers Are to Work Hard at Knowing the Word

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.” ***2 Timothy 2:15, ESV***

Problem: We Tend to Be Listeners, Not Studiers

2nd Problem: When We Do Study,

We Are Not Applying What We Have Learned

How to Engage My Brain and God's Spirit:

Spiritual Bonus Points:

### God Wants Me to Live Strong

<sup>4</sup> Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, **for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.** <sup>5</sup> They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup> We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

You Are from God...

"Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God." *John 3:3, NLT*

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." *2 Corinthians 5:17, ESV*

Power Is Possible Because God Lives in Me

My Strength Will Never Be Stronger Than  
My Relationship with God

You Have Overcome Them...

Looks to The Past

Looks to The Future

He Who Is in You Is Greater Than...

Why Does It Look Like Satan Is Winning?

*Matthew 13:24–30*

My Strength Will Never Be Stronger Than

My Faith in God

Spiritual Exercise:

Listens to Us ...

Source of Authority

Daily Practice of Listening

Each Area of Compromise in My Life,

Weakens My Potential for Victory

Good News: God Is Greater Than

My Weaknesses

"If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny who he is."

*2 Timothy 2:13, NLT*