As human beings we tend to be very proud of our accomplishments. We love to be recognized by others as being the best at what we do. On one level, there is nothing wrong with honest satisfaction after we have finished something that required a lot of effort on our parts. Good honest hard work does give us a sense of completion when it is done. However, the danger for all of us is that we begin to think that somehow all that we accomplished came about because we were just a bit more clever or stronger than others. That is why God told Jeremiah that all our wisdom, power, and riches do not impress Him. We've looked at these verses earlier this year, but let's take another look at them together.

Jeremiah 9:23-24 *(NLT) This is what the Lord says: "Don't let the wise boast in their wisdom, or the powerful boast in their power, or the rich boast in their riches. [24] But those who wish to boast should boast in this alone: that they truly KNOW me and understand that I am the Lord who demonstrates unfailing love and who brings justice and righteousness to the earth, and that I delight in these things. I, the Lord, have spoken!*

The Bible Knowledge Commentary: "The word "KNOW" *(yada)* pictured an intimate knowledge of God. God wanted the people to be intimately acquainted with His kindness, justice, and righteousness.**"**

God does not want us to focus on our abilities or gifts, but solely on HIM. Why is it that we think that we can impress God, who created and sustains the universe, with our intellect, cleverness, or strength? What God really wants from us is that we would fall in love with Him and pursue Him as we would a rare and precious treasure. When God says he wants us to truly KNOW Him, we must remember what an amazing privilege that really is. The infinite, all powerful God of the universe has taken a personal one-on-one interest in each one of us. That is staggering. May we seek to know our God better each day. May we seek to delight in those things (unfailing love, justice, and righteousness) which delight our LORD.

PRAYER: Lord God, thank you that you are a personal God. Thank You, that you want to know ME.

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