

# Things I Know

## Scripture:

II Timothy 1:12 *“For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.”*

## Introduction:

We can never really live successful lives of victory if we do not rest in the assurance of things that we know to be true. This is really all about faith. Hebrews 11:6 says, *“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”* When we really know something it affects our outlook and the position we take as we face the situations of life. If we don't know God is for us how do we stand firm? What we know we can have faith in.

### I. I know that God's promises are going to come to pass.

I Kings 8:56 *“Blessed be the LORD, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised. There has not failed one word of all His good promise, which He promised through His servant Moses.”*

- A. Solomon had just finished dedicating the temple and the shekinah glory of God had appeared.
- B. Solomon had prayed concerning God's government over His chosen people.
- C. Now He reminds the people about the faithfulness of God concerning His promises.
  - God's promises are, virtually, obligations that he imposes upon himself. Friedrich Wilhelm Krummacher (1796-1868)
  - Once a song leader stopped the congregation in the middle of the gospel song "Standing on the Promises." He asked people to volunteer some promises on which they were standing. One said, "Lo, I am with you always." Another quoted, "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." Still another said, "Where two or three are gathered together, there am I in the midst." Soon a dozen promises had been quoted. When the singing resumed, there was a marked increase in enthusiasm, and surely there also must have been a marked increase in understanding.

### II. I know that I have a solid foundation for my life.

Isaiah 28:16 *“Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: “Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; Whoever believes will not act hastily.”*

- A. A foundation gives me stability, no more up and down roller coaster ride for me.
- B. A foundation enables me to withstand the storms of life.

Matthew 7:24-27 *“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: <sup>25</sup>and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. <sup>26</sup>“But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: <sup>27</sup>and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”*

  - 1. Because of this solid foundation I can build a life of faith that speaks of victory.
  - 2. I build upon this foundation by becoming a doer of the word of God.
  - 3. Every life encounters storms, but the one living by the word of the Lord will come through the storm with his faith intact.

### III. I know I will receive a reward if I will be obedient to the call of God for my life.

Matthew 10:42 *“And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward.”*

- A. We are called to bring a refreshing touch (drink) to those around us who are in need.
- B. We have a responsibility to those around us.  
Matthew 5:14-16 *“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. <sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. <sup>16</sup>Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”*

In a far country lived a band of minstrels who traveled from town to town presenting music to make a living. They had not been doing well. Times were hard; there was little money for common folk to come to hear the minstrels, even though their fee was small. Attendance had been falling off, so early one evening the group met to discuss their plight. "I see no reason for opening tonight," one said. "To make things even worse than they may have been, it is starting to snow. Who will venture out on a night like this?" "I agree," another disheartened singer said. "Last night we performed for just a handful. Fewer will come tonight. Why not give back their meager fees and cancel the concert? No one can expect us to go on when just a few are in the audience." "How can anyone do his best for so few?" a third inquired. Then he turned to another sitting beside him. "What do you think?" The man appealed to was older than the others. He looked straight at his troupe. "I know you are discouraged. I am too. But we have a responsibility to those who might come. We will go on. And we will do the best job of which we are capable. It is not the fault of those who come that others do not. They should not be punished with less than the best we can give." Heartened by his words, the minstrels went ahead with their show. They never performed better. When the show was over and the small audience gone, the old man called his troupe to him. In his hand was a note, handed to him by one of the audience just before the doors closed behind him. "Listen to this, my friends!" Something electrifying in his tone of voice made them turn to him in anticipation. Slowly the old man read: "Thank you for a beautiful performance." It was signed very simply-- "Your King."

#### IV. I know that I am accepted by God.

John 6:37 *“All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.”*

- A. Although sin separates, provision has been made for me so that I do not have to remain separated from God.

I John 1:6-9 *“If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

- B. We have been chosen to be holy and without blame, which is accomplished as we devote our lives to Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1:3-6 *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, <sup>4</sup>just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, <sup>5</sup>having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.”*

1. Jesus Christ becomes my righteousness.
2. When I am unholy, He is holy. I become what He is through the adoption of sonship.

**V. I know that nothing can separate me from God's love.**

Romans 8:35-39 *“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written: “For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.” <sup>37</sup>Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*