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MORE THAN KNOWLEDGE

Prov. 23:23 "Buy truth and do not sell it; get wisdom, discipline and understanding."

The abundance of TV game shows like Jeopardy and Millionaire certainly reveal a kind of cultural obsession with knowledge, albeit "trivia knowledge". Beyond potential for large cash winnings, does such "knowledge" really lead to any greater good?

The gift of learning is an important and valuable gift we can give to our grandchildren IF we understand the difference between useful knowledge and useless knowledge. There are many things not worth knowing, or that we would all be better off not knowing. Knowledge rooted in truth and understanding leads to wisdom and good deeds.

The Bible reminds us that the "fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge..." The gift of learning is more than knowledge - it is understanding and wisdom springing from a healthy fear of God in which the reality of who He is and who I am gives knowledge meaning and purpose. As grandparents, we have a responsibility to give that gift of learning as we teach our grandchildren about God and His world, give them tools to discern what is worth knowing, teach them to cherish truth, and encourage them to use what they learn for good and the glory of God.

ACTION STEP: To help your grandchildren learn basic principles and truths about the world around them and the God who made them, take your grandchildren on a nature hike, to a museum, or on a fishing trip and talk about what can be learned from history and the world around them. Something as simple as a hobby or craft done together can also be a wonderful learning experience and an opportunity to talk about things worth knowing.

GRANDPAUSE: "Knowledge is vain and fruitless which is not reduced to practice." Matthew Henry

Suggested Reading

[WEEKLY PRAYER SUGGESTION FOR GRANDPARENTS:](#) **Open Eyes**



[Recapture the Wonder](#)

By Ravi Zacharias / Thomas Nelson



[The Basket of Flowers - Audiobook on CD](#)

By Blackstone Audiobooks



[The Case for a Creator for Kids](#)

By Lee Strobel / Zonderkidz



[Big Topics for Little Kids: Tell Me About Faith](#)

By Joel Anderson / Thomas Nelson



[Big Topics for Little Kids: Tell Me About Eternity](#)

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