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“I Know What I Know”

St. John 9: 1 – 12; 24 - 25 (NKJV)

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- We are living in an enlightened age where knowledge is power.
- The pursuit of knowledge is an ongoing process that goes from the cradle to the grave.
- However, it is important for us to understand what knowledge is, *and what it is not*.
- According to Albert Einstein, “Knowledge is more than just information.”
- Knowledge is much more than the memory of certain facts.
- John Locke, the noted English philosopher writes, “No man’s knowledge here can go beyond his experience.”
- **Experience** is defined as “a particular instance of personally encountering or undergoing something”.
- In simple terms, experience is what you go through.
- **True** knowledge is based upon your experience (what you go through).
- In our scriptural text, we have a wonderful example of a man whose knowledge was truly based on his experience.
- There were **three things** this man knew based on his experience:
 1. He knew **what he used to be**.
 2. He knows **what he is now**.
 3. He knew **who was responsible** for whom he now was.

1) **What He Used To Be**

- This man knew exactly who he was and what he used to be.
- He was blind from birth.
- He was the only person in the Gospels referred to as being born blind.
- He used to be a beggar.
- He never denied what he used to be.

2) **What He Had Become**

- This man not only knew what he used to be, but he also knew what he had become.
- He was now a man who could see for the first time.
- The people around him could question what he was, but they could not question what he had become.
- The evidence was standing right before them.
- And, in case they did not believe what they had just witnessed, he boldly told them in verse 25, "...one thing I know, that whereas I was blind, now I see."

3) **Who Was Responsible**

- He did not try to take credit for what had happened to him.
 - He did not give others the credit for something they did not do.
 - When his critics asked who was responsible for his blessings, this man gave God the glory.
 - He told them in verse 11, "A man called Jesus."
- The words from an old church hymn summarize this man's testimony:
"Look where He brought me from, He brought me out of darkness into the marvelous light, look where He brought me from."