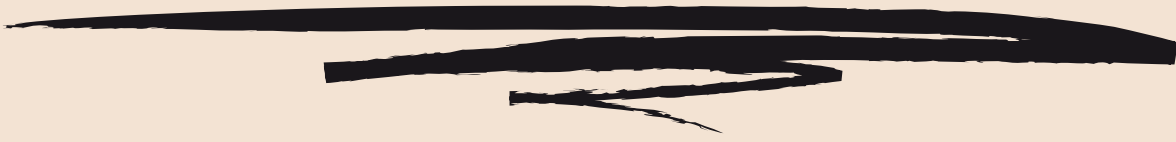


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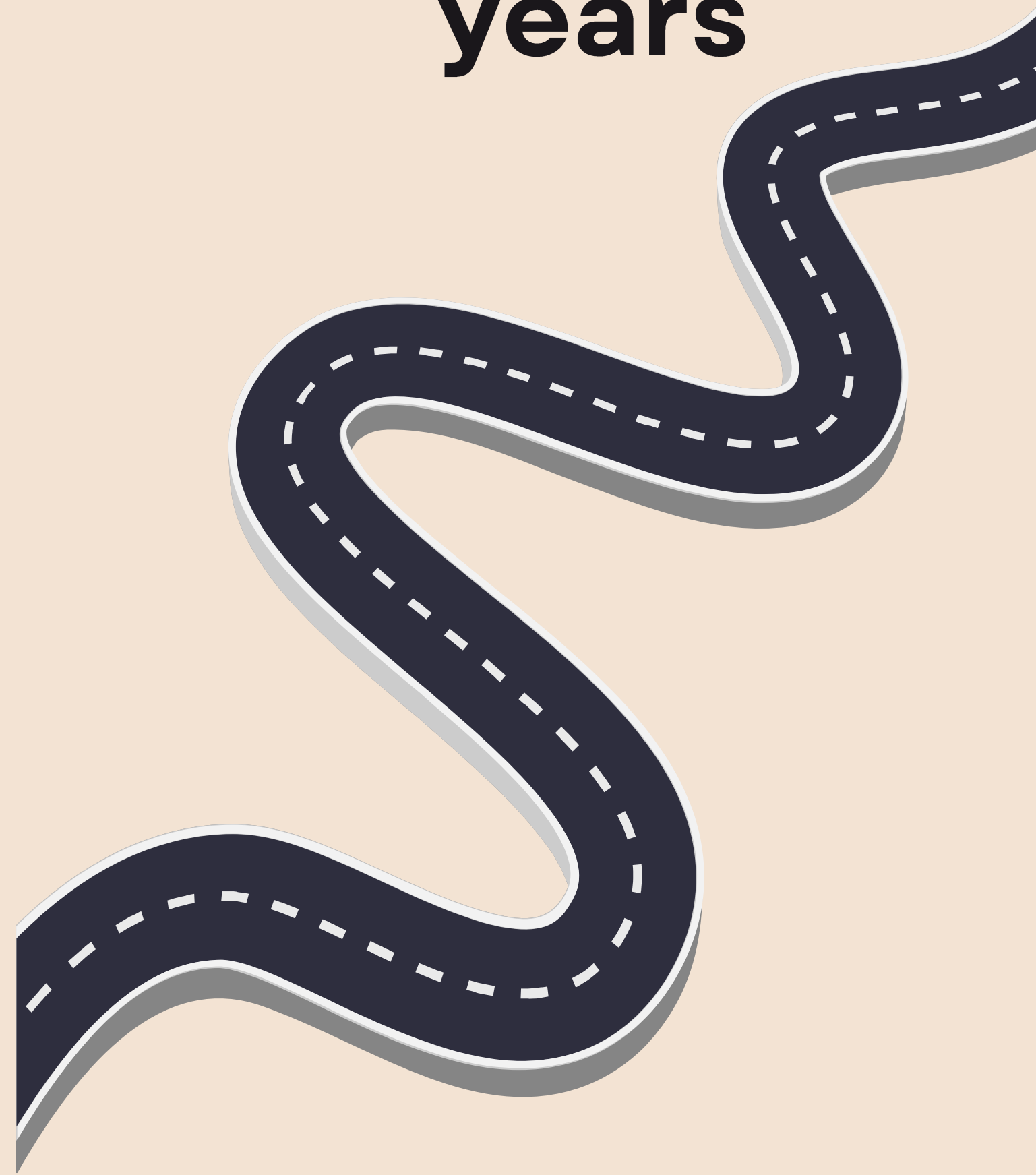
**TODAY WE HAVE SO MUCH
KNOWLEDGE AT OUR
FINGERTIPS**

The Road to Knowledge in 50

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- Around 2.6 billion monthly active users, in over 100 countries.
- The most views? A video with over 14.5 billion views. Since it was uploaded in June 2016, it's clocked up an average of almost 5 million views per DAY.

VIDEO CLIP: Baby Shark





Application

Just as the internet has revolutionized access to information, we should seek to access the wisdom and knowledge found in the Bible with the same eagerness and convenience, using tools like online Bible resources and study apps.



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Application

Our expanding knowledge of the universe can remind us of the vastness of God's creation and His infinite wisdom. As we explore the physical universe, we should also strive to explore the depths of God's word and His purposes for our lives.

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Application

Just as smartphones keep us connected and informed, we should remain connected to God's word and the community of believers. Utilizing modern technology, we can study the Bible, join online worship services, and stay in touch with our faith community no matter where we are

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PERSEVERANCE **5**

GODLINESS **6**

MUTUAL
AFFECTION **7**

8
LOVE

FAITH **1**

GOODNESS **2**

KNOWLEDGE **3**

4 SELF
CONTROL



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- In response to God's work/promises that we already have Peter lists a number of character traits that believers should strive to develop.
- Goodness = excellence that whatever you do, applying your faith in such a way that it *works in your daily life*.
- Knowledge = more than intellectual understanding; it involves a deep, practical, lived out relational understanding of God's will and His character.

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- “knowledge” = “full knowledge” or “*knowledge that is growing.*”
The word used here suggests practical knowledge or discernment. It refers to the ability to handle life successfully.
- No separation of heart and the mind, our character and knowledge - knowledge that is active, transformational leading to a fruitful Christian life. (v8 “*keep you from being ineffective & unproductive*”)
- Opposite of being “so heavenly minded as to be of no earthly good!” This kind of knowledge does not come automatically - it comes from obedience to the will of God (John 7:17).

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- God's desire for us to grow in knowledge and Peter is aware of the context of the society and culture
- Elements of false teaching influencing believers and leading believers astray.
- WE DON'T LIVE IN A VACUUM
- Here are the key false teachings Peter has to combat in his culture:

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1. Denial of Jesus' Second Coming: 2 Peter 3:3-4:

- Issue: Some false teachers were denying the return of Jesus, suggesting that the promise of His second coming was not true or relevant to their lives.

2. Immoral Living: 2 Peter 2:1-2, 2 Peter 2:18-19

- Issue: These false teachers promoted a lifestyle of immoral living and indulgence in sinful desires, leading others into similar behaviour and discrediting the Christian faith.

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3. Greed and Exploitation: 2 Peter 2:3

- Issue: False teachers were motivated by greed, exploiting believers for personal gain through deceit and manipulation.

4. Twisting of Scripture: 2 Peter 3:16

- Issue: They distorted and misinterpreted the Scriptures, leading people away from the true, historic teachings of the faith.

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God wants us to know HIM deeply

Ephesians 1:17 NIV *“I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.”*

HOW DO WE GROW IN OUR KNOWLEDGE?

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GROWTH IN KNOWLEDGE BEGINS WITH DESIRE

2 Peter 1:4 “evil desires”

DESIRE = a passion built on strong feelings (urges).

These can be positive or negative, depending on whether the desire is inspired by faith

- James 1:13-15
- 1 Peter 2:2

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“If you really want to do something, you'll find a way. If you don't, you'll find an excuse.” - Jim Rohn

***** VIDEO CLIP - Russell Johnson, Pursuit Church, Seattle**

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GROWTH IN KNOWLEDGE BEGINS WITH DESIRE AND CONTINUES WITH DETERMINATION

- “EFFORT” Greek word “speudo” “move quickly, speed on” –to show zealous commitment to your best, it’s a full effort by responding quickly. (earnest, diligent, quickly)
- For the believer, means quickly obeying what the Lord reveals is His priority.

Why is this important? Hosea 4:6

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CONCLUSION: Baptism of honesty

Fyodor Dostoevsky (*Crime and Punishment and The Brothers Karamazov*)

“Above all, don't lie to yourself. The man who lies to himself and listens to his own lie comes to a point that he cannot distinguish the truth within him, or around him, and so loses all respect for himself and for others. And having no respect he ceases to love.”

EXTRA NOTES ON PDF – WHAT SHOULD WE BE GROWING IN?

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EXTRA NOTES: WHAT SHOULD WE BE GROWING IN?

Growing in knowledge means growing in **REVERENT FEAR**

- **Proverbs 1:7** - "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction."
- **1 Peter 3:14-15** "do not fear what they fear, do not be but in your set apart Christ as Lord"

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EXTRA NOTES:

WHAT SHOULD WE BE GROWING IN?

Growing in knowledge means growing in RELATIONAL GRACE

2 Peter 3:18

- **IDENTITY IN CHRIST** – key area of ministry and teaching we do
- **FATHER GOD AFFIRMATIONS** – handout available
- **Romans 14** grace towards others in the non-essentials, secondary matters

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EXTRA NOTES:

WHAT SHOULD WE BE GROWING IN?

Growing in knowledge means growing in **RIGHT LIVING**

Philippians 1:9-10 - Paul prays for believers to grow in love, knowledge, and insight, which helps in making wise and discerning choices. It involves knowing God, understanding His will, growing in wisdom, and applying this knowledge to live a life that honours Him.