

LOVE-UNDERSTANDING-KNOWLEDGE-WISDOM

These four words occur over 1,000 times in Scripture. The real meaning and attainment of the above words are available only from the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. Over and over the Scripture admonishes us to obtain these. I would encourage you to do an in-depth study of the meaning of these words. They are powerful. The world chases after power-direction-ability-control. I believe you will find the combination of:

- Love + Understanding will result in **Control** (to hold in restraint or check) - *1 John 4*.
- Understanding + Knowledge will result in **Ability** (ability to perform a task) - *Psalm 119:104; Prov. 9:10; 4:7 & 16:16*.
- Knowledge + Wisdom will result in **Direction** (a course of action) - *Prov. 1:7 & 8:13*.
- Wisdom + Love will result in **Power** (ability to produce an effect). *James 1:5-8*.

The above are just a few verses, but in your personal search you will find many more. If we are not careful we will be enticed/deceived to chase after the things of this world: control-direction-ability-power. It is like chasing the "will-o'-the-wisp". As children of the living God, we must not pursue the illusions of this life.

To the degree we obtain the real meaning of these words in our life the greater the resultant will be. True LOVE is what will compel us to be about our Lord Jesus' work.

This is a very brief overview of these words but I thought it may whet your appetite to search deeper. I see these words being lived out in the lives of our brothers and sisters in India. Thank you once again for your prayers and financial gifts to advance the Kingdom of our King in the spiritually dark nation of India. You are making a difference!

May God's richest blessings rest upon you.

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A Simple Bag of Rice

It is often in the midst of crisis that God provides opportunities for believers to meet physical needs and touch the hearts of those who are suffering or hurting. He provides the tools, we become His hands and feet. We have seen this more than ever the last few months in our work in India.

From a young age, **Vithya** strongly believed in the gods of her parents. They participated in idol worship, and in fact, had their own family god that they were devoted to worship regularly. Each year the family spent much money to visit a special temple for worship. Their belief in Hinduism created a great disdain and dislike for Christianity.

Despite their poor view of Christians, Vithya who is in 9th grade, along with her younger brother and sister, attend the local child development center sponsored by MVN. Vithya has been at the school many years. Last year, in one of the devotions at the center, Vithya was deeply touched by the Word of God. She heard things she had never heard before. She was convicted that Jesus is the one true God and made a decision to follow Him. Vithya turned away from the idol worship of her family and began attending the local church. She made a decision to participate in baptism. Her parents, however, became very angry with her faith in Christ and her desire to be baptized.

Vithya's father and mother work as daily wage laborers. Unfortunately, her father has had diabetes for a long time. As a consequence, the family has struggled to live on a day-to-day basis. With the introduction of the corona virus and all of the related problems and restrictions, the family situation has become desperate.



My name is Shiva. In my village there are fifteen families and all of us belong to a tribe named Irular. Our primary job is to catch snakes and cut wood from the forests. We live in huts and we don't have access to electricity in our village. During this lockdown, we have faced tough times. Our families have suffered due to inadequate income. MVN ministries provided us with rice bags and grocery items. It was a generous act and we haven't eaten rice of such good quality ever in our lives. God has abundantly met our needs through MVN ministries.

As part of local ministry, the MVN team began to deliver food bags to her family. Her parents started to experience the care and love demonstrated by those who were bringing the food. They began to open their home for more discussions about the love of God.

Church planter, **Anand Joshua** and his wife, continued to share the Gospel with the family of the Vithay. Eventually, her parents embraced the sacrifice of Christ and now are believers. They have also opened their home for prayer meetings with the participation and attendance by everyone in the family. Because of the family's staunch views on Hinduism in the past, it has been quite a surprise for others in the village to witness what is occurring. Neighbors are now questioning what has happened to this family.

The simple act of providing food in a desperate time has filled a need much greater than physical hunger. A spiritual thirst has been quenched for this family. Now others desire to taste the Living Water. It is a reminder once again that He uses the simple things we possess to impact others for eternity.

Please continue to pray for the ongoing work in India, particularly during this season of the COVID virus.

Despite travel restrictions and confinement, our church planters are using the time to help those in need in the local body of Christ as well as nearby neighbors. In addition, many opportunities for discipleship are taking place for new believers.

