

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

Dr. Kenneth Kantzer, the former Dean of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, is an outstanding Christian leader, a brilliant scholar, and one of the most humble men I know. What impresses me so much about this godly man is how seemingly unimpressed he is with himself. Again, he is a brilliant scholar, and yet he's so genuinely interested in others. He's given his intellect to the Lord and realizes that his mind is both a gift from God and a stewardship responsibility. It's truly refreshing to be in his company.

Some of us want people to know how much we know. Knowledge, even Biblical knowledge, has a tendency to push us toward arrogance. There has to be a corresponding brokenness to go along with how much we know.

There's a perspective given to us in 1 Corinthians chapter 8, verses 1 through 3. “Now concerning things sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies. If anyone supposes that he knows anything, he has not yet known as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by Him.”

In this passage Paul is not putting down knowledge. He's not knocking intellectual development. Not at all. What he is knocking is our attachment to knowledge, that knowledge itself is somehow the goal. We should use our minds, not worship our minds. Thus he says that knowledge puffs up. It's to be understood that knowledge unattached from the love of God and the goal of glorifying God will do nothing more than pump our heads with arrogance.

Here's what I want you to remember today. It's good to satisfy our intellectual thirst. That's wonderful, but as we expand our minds, let's not forget to bow our knees. Yes, get down on those knees and give praise to God for the knowledge He's given to us.