ENERGY RESOURCES KNOWLEDGE

ENERGY!

To this end I labor, struggling with all his **ENERGY** which so powerfully works in me. (1:29)

labor...struggle...energy...work...power

Life > PHYSICS/MATTER ... God is <u>ENERGY</u>

Life > STAMINA/SURVIVAL ... God is <u>EXISTENCE</u>

Energy <u>decreases</u> with age

<u>Good</u> food/rest/exercise
<u>boosts</u> energy

Good News! Additional source of ENERGY has been found!

The energy of <u>GOD</u> can be infused into our being, <u>increasing</u> (physical) energy!

My level of energy is <u>influenced</u> by many things. But it is not <u>determined</u> by those factors! ✓ Prayer (desire) ✓ Faith (attitude)

RESOURCES

Life > REASON/PLAN ... God is <u>PURPOSE</u>

Life > SUPPLIES/NECESSITIES ... God is **PROVISION**

We arrive in life <u>innocent</u>, <u>ignorant</u>, and <u>indeterminate</u>.

In our (short) lifetime, we must determine our **purpose**, **plan**, and **provision**.

To depend on anything other than God for these things, we are trusting something <u>no more</u> <u>certain</u> than we are <u>ourselves</u>!

KNOWLEDGE!

Life > IDEAS/CONCEPTS ... God is <u>CREATOR</u>

Life > STRUGGLE/QUEST ... God is <u>COUNSELOR</u>

- Education is often essential
- Zeal or enthusiasm should never <u>usurp</u> the importance of learning/training

HOWEVER, God can <u>show</u> us secrets and <u>reveal</u> necessary information

"... the mystery of God, namely Christ, in whom is hidden ALL the TREASURES of wisdom and knowledge." (Colossians 2:2)

Book, Classroom, Computer, etc.

- ✓ Sometimes their "knowledge" is wrong
- Sometimes we need knowledge contained in no human source
- These sources are <u>limited</u>, <u>impersonal</u>, and <u>inadequate</u> contrasted to the TREASURE of KNOWLEDGE available from God.

Ask God for ideas! (tasks/responsibilities) Ask God for insights! (people/problems) Ask God for knowledge! (sometimes no one else can help you!)

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