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MY BOASTING...

"Thus saith The LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:

But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth Me, that I am The LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith The LORD."Jeremiah 9:23-24

\*\*\*Strong's Hebrew Dictionary definition of the word glory used in this scripture means to boast.

So God is telling us not to allow anything to puff us up in pride, nothing we own, our strength, or our own wisdom; we should boast of nothing apart from knowing God. Also notice it doesn't say "know about Me", it says, "know Me".

In John 17:3 Jesus tells us: "And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent."

I'm reading a book by J.I.Packer, "Knowing God", written in 1973.(Mark, I know you'll appreciate me expanding my reading material to include one of your favorite authors. <grin> ) There's some good insight and information in it and I want to quote him on a simple but very true truth.

"How can we turn our knowledge about God into knowledge of God? It is that we turn each truth that we learn about God in matter for meditation before God, leading to prayer and praise to God."

I visited a different church this morning and wouldn't ya know it, the pastor was preaching/teaching on this same topic The Lord has been encouraging me on. A point he had today was concerning taking no thought for tomorrow (don't worry); at every temptation to worry, fret, and look to 'self' we were encouraged to instead direct our thoughts and begin to worship God, and as we come to a place of knowing God more and more we'll find it natural to worship and praise Him instead of worrying.

Our God is a great God, full of mercy and grace, longsuffering and patient, righteous and Holy, kind and faithful...so worthy of ALL our worship and praise.  
As the psalmist says, " I will bless The LORD at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth..."

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