

Thanks for the Memories

Ephesians 2:11-13

- 2 Pet. 1:12-15 – What is so important that want we those we leave behind to remember it?
- Do you remember obeying the gospel?
- The English word “remember” occurs 29 times in the New Testament, with nearly each occurrence having a special significance.
- We can be warmed by good memories and warned by bad ones.
- Some live in the past, others try to hide from it, while still others learn from it.

Some Things to Forget

- 2 Jn. 7-11 – All that could cause us to lose our reward.
- Phil. 3:1-6 – Like Paul's, a previous religion, prestige, power, or position we may have had.
- Col. 2:8 – Traditions of men, no matter how old or respected they may be.
- Eph. 4:22 – The Old Man of sin.
- 1 Jn. 2:15-17 – The love of the world.
- Heb. 11:25 – The passing pleasures of sin.
- Num. 32:23b “...be sure your sin will find you out.”
- **Sometimes God's blessings are not in what He gives, but in what He takes away. We need to stop picking back up what God has told us to put down.**

Some Things Never to Forget

- Mk. 8:13-21 – Disciples become confused when they forget the wonderful works of Christ, by which the word was confirmed (Heb. 2:3-4)
- **In order to be strengthened in our souls.**
- **In order to be strengthened in our goals.**
- Lk. 17:32; 1 Cor. 10 – The record of what sin cost others who were not much different from us.

- Acts 20:35 – Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, so we can do and keep what gives true and eternal meaning to life.
- Rom. 11:17-21 – Remember how God called us by the gospel of Christ from the humiliation of sin and “be not highminded, but fear.”
- Acts 20:35 – The words of the Lord Jesus... (Gal. 2:10).
- 1 Cor. 11:2; 2 Thess. 2:15 – The message handed down by the apostles, and keep it as it was delivered (also Jude 17-18).
- 2 Tim. 1:3 – Our brethren in prayer.
- 2 Tim. 2:8 – The resurrection of Christ (1 Cor 15).
- Heb. 12:5-6 – God chastens those He loves (1 Cor. 10).
- Heb. 13:3 – Persecuted saints.
- Heb. 13:7 – Faithful leaders of the church, for their example and instruction.
- Mat. 5:23-24 – Wrongs done to others and endeavor to be reconciled.
- **Pro. 16:18 “Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.”**
- **The bigger they are, the harder they fall!**

Decision...

- Phi. 3:13-14 – Things that interfere with spiritual growth need to be forgotten.
- Heb. 12:1-2 – We need to remember the things that move us toward the prize.
- We cannot fear looking back and learning, but we cannot relive the past.
- Neither can we fear looking ahead.
- If you were to die right now, where would you spend eternity?

The Best Memory System

Forget each kindness that you do, as soon as you have
done it;

Forget the praise that falls to you, the moment you have
won it.

Forget the slander that you hear, before you can repeat it;

Forget each slight, each spite, each sneer, wherever you
may meet it.

Remember every kindness done to you whate'er its
measure;

Remember praise by others won and pass it on with
pleasure.

Remember every promise made and keep it to the letter;

Remember those who lend you aid and be a grateful
debtor.

Remember all the happiness that comes your way in
living;

Forget each worry and distress; be hopeful and forgiving.

Remember good, remember truth, remember heaven's
above you,

And you will find through age and youth, that many
hearts will love you.

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