

## THINGS TO REMEMBER

### Int.

1. Aim: To point out some important things that we should never forget but always remember.
2. 1 Tim. 4:6 "If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained."
  - a. Memory is something that will last for all eternity
  - b. Lk. 16:19-31 - Rich man and Lazarus V. 25 "...remember..."
  - c. Memory is a fearful word for this rich man. Memory keeps alive the unpleasant as well as the pleasant things of life. Commentary on Luke by H. Leo Boles - p. 322
3. The word "remember" means:
  - a. "recall knowledge from memory, to be capable of recalling when required, recollection, to call back to mind"
  - b. Memory = the process of storing and retrieving information
  - c. Eidetic memory - almost photographic accuracy - Photographic memory
4. Some have used gimmicks to help them remember - like tie a string around our fingers so we will not forget.
  - a. It has been said that we never forget anything, but we sometimes have difficulty recalling it
  - b. It is easy to forget! - III. Culleoka, Tenn. Went to store to get few items. Got to talking with men at store..came home with nothing.

- c. III. Three old maid sisters lived together. The first one was getting in the tub and couldn't remember if she was getting in or out of the tub. So she called her second sister and she started up the stairs to the bathroom and she couldn't remember if she was going up or down the stairs. The third sister heard the other two and saw their predicament and knocked on wood and said "I'm thankful I am not like my other two sisters". Then she went to the door to see who was there!
5. Memory and reminding each other is important - It is a part of the work of the preacher to remind - 1 Tim. 4:6 "If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ,"
6. Here are some things to remember ----

### Discussion

#### I. REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR - Ecl. 12:1

##### A. Remember him in the days of thy youth - v. 1

1. Be mindful
2. Energies and joys of youth - God who created you expects you to serve Him
3. Accept youth with its blessings and opportunities but remember "That for all these things God will bring thee into judgment." Ecl. 11:9b

##### B. Remember him before Old Age comes - v. 2-5

1. Old age is pictured in these words
2. "So soon it grows later than you think" <sup>1</sup>
3. "My days are like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass."

Ps. 102:11

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<sup>1</sup> Interpreters Bible vol. 5 p. 83

4. If you live to be 100 years old you should begin serving God in your youth

C. Remember him before you are called to meet God. V. 6-7

1. Remember now thy creator..before the silver cord be loosed.
2. These figures represent earthly life ending suddenly without the possibility of being regained.
3. We have no certainty of life, now you can serve God, tomorrow may be too late.

**II. REMEMBER THE WORD AS A SHIELD**

A. Ps. 119:11

1. Our way is cleansed by taking heed to God's word and by hiding it in our hearts.
2. We hide the word in our heart when we have it with us continually as an inward motive.
3. Treasure up those portions of God's words which speak against sin of every kind - "it is written" - was the way Jesus overcame sin
4. If God's Word be only in the Bible, and not in our heart, we may soon be surprised by a besetting sin:
  - a. Heb. 12:1 "...let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us,..."
  - b. Gal. 5:19-21

B. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom" Col. 3:16

1. It dwells in us richly when we know and understand it
2. It dwells in us richly when it molds our thoughts and feelings and guides our lives.

3. Ps. 1:2 "But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night."
4. Tit. 2:12 "Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;"
5. God's Word helps us to remember how to live correctly.

### **III. REMEMBER TO HELP OTHERS**

#### A. Remember the poor -

1. Gal. 2:10 - remember the poor saints in Judaea "Only they would that we should remember the poor: "
2. This would also be a bond of union between the Jews and the Gentiles
3. Remember:
  - a. Not to just call to mind -- to reward - help
  - b. It means to supply the things needed the things missing
  - c. Jas. 2:15-27
  - d. Jas. 1:27 "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." - Visit - remember - relieve

#### B. To do Good to All

1. Gal. 6:10 "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

2. Heb. 13:15-16 "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. 16. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."
  - a. We are to Worship God
  - b. We are to Honor Him by doing good to all men
  - c. We are to imitate Christ who went about Doing Good - Acts 10:38
3. Remember to show love to strangers - Heb. 13:1-2 "Let brotherly love continue. 2. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

#### **IV. REMEMBER CHRIST'S DEATH** - The Lord's Supper

##### A. Bread

1. 1 Cor. 11:23-24
2. "This do in remembrance of me"
  - a. Remember the sacrifice He made for us
  - b. It was His body that was crucified
  - c. This bread reminds us - calls it to our mind

##### B. Cup - Fruit of the vine

1. 1 Cor. 11:25 - cup = content, juice of the grape
2. This New Testament was the New Covenant or Law
  - a. The Old Covenant was sealed with the blood of animals
  - b. This was sealed with the blood of Jesus Christ for remission of sins
3. This is the memorial of that blood of Christ which was shed to confirm this new covenant.

4. "This do in remembrance of Me."

C. Remember the death of Christ every Week

1. 2 Tim. 2:8 "Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel:"
2. Upon the first day of the week - every week has a first day
3. 1 Cor. 11:26 "For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come."
4. Acts 20:7 "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight."
5. Ex. 20:8 "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy."
6. We need to remember his sacrifice so we will do the same.

**V. REMEMBER TO CORRECT MISTAKES**

- A. We all make mistakes - Rom. 3:23
- B. Rev. 2:5 "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."
  1. Remember = consider, compare
  2. This reflection should lead to repentance
  3. Repentance means a change of mind that results in a change of conduct
  4. Remember and repent or else be removed.

## CONCLUSION

1. Since our memory will be eternal we must not forget these important things:
  - a. Our Creator
  - b. The Word of God
  - c. To help others
  - d. Christ's Death
  - e. To correct all mistakes
2. So conduct your affairs that your memories will be pleasant
3. 2 Pet. 1:12-13 "Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. 13. Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;"
  - a. Forgotten that we were cleansed -- v. 9 if we do not add the Christian Graces then it indicates we have forgotten that we were purged
  - b. Amnesia is the inability to remember past experiences
  - c. That can lead to the loss of our soul !!!
4. 1 Tim. 4:6 "If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained."