

# The Importance of Reminders and Recall

Repeatedly hearing truth you already know is crucial for Christians **2 Peter 1:12-15** Chris Mueller 12-8-2019

## Introduction:

**2 Peter 1:12-15** Therefore, I will always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you already know them, and have been established in the truth which is present with you. I consider it right, as long as I am in this earthly dwelling, to stir you up by way of reminder, knowing that the laying aside of my earthly dwelling is imminent, as also our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will also be diligent that at any time after my departure you will be able to call these things to mind.

**Psalms 106:13** They quickly forgot His works; They did not wait for His counsel. **21** They forgot God their Savior, Who had done great things in Egypt.

**Jude 17** But you, beloved, ought to remember the words that were spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Acts 20:35** In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

**2 Timothy 2:8** Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David, according to my gospel.

**James 1:25** But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.

## #1 Be ready to remind R

**12** Therefore, I will always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you already know them, and have been established in the truth which is present with you

### 1<sup>st</sup> READY to remind

**12a** Therefore, I will always be ready to remind you of these things

**Spurgeon** Although some are established in the truth we still need to preach the old truths with which they are familiar. The doctrines in which they are well established are still to be proclaimed to them. Every wise preacher brings forth from the treasury of truth, things both new and old. New, that the hearers may learn more than they knew before; old, that they may know and practice better that which they do already know in part.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> REGARDLESS keep reminding

**12b** even though you already know them, and have been established in the truth which is present with you

**2 John 2** ...for the sake of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever.

## #2 The rightness of R reminders

**13** I consider it right, as long as I am in this earthly dwelling, to stir you up by way of reminder, **14** knowing that the laying aside of my earthly dwelling is imminent, as also our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me

**John Calvin** Yea, I think it right. Peter expresses more clearly how useful and how necessary 'the reminder admonition' is, because it is needful to arouse the faithful, for otherwise torpor will creep in from the flesh. Though, they might not have wanted teaching, yet Peter says that the goads of admonitions were useful, lest security and indulgence should weaken what they had learned, and possibly extinguish it.

## 1<sup>st</sup> RIGHT to be reminding *while alive*

**13a** *I consider it right, as long as I am in this earthly dwelling*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> REVITALIZE reminding *in every way*

**13b** *to stir you up by way of reminder*

**Spurgeon** When people are as they should be, it is worthwhile to stir them up. You do not want to stir up dirty water, but you may stir that which is pure and sweet as much as ever you like. A good fire sometimes becomes a better one by a little stirring up.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> RECALLING the retirement of personal reminders

**14** *knowing that the laying aside of my earthly dwelling is imminent, as also our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me*

**John 21:18** Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to go.

## #3 The                                  reminding of the next generation

**15** *And I will also be diligent that at any time after my departure you will be able to call these things to mind*

### TAKE HOME:

#### A – When you’ve heard it all before, don’t tune out—pursue W.A.C.O.

Pursue **W**\_\_\_\_\_ –

Pursue **A**\_\_\_\_\_ –

Pursue **C**\_\_\_\_\_ –

Pursue **O**\_\_\_\_\_ –

#### B – Indifference to the truth is never spiritually \_\_\_\_\_

#### C – Grow in your \_\_\_\_\_ for the written Word taught correctly

### QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. Why is it so vital that Christians be reminded about truth?
2. What truths was Peter referring to that needed continual reminders?
3. How should Christians deal with truth that they know but hear again?
4. What happens to believers when they hear the same truths over and over again?
5. Why was Peter so passionate about repeating truth and reminding Christians?
6. What steps will you take next time you hear truth that you have heard before or know well?
7. What steps will you take this week to grow to be more like Christ when it comes to hearing truth?

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