

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

1st 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.

2nd 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.

