

**Remember Me**  
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**Introduction:** Our memory should be a powerful tool in how we live.

- A. In our hearts we are able to store the information learned in this life.
  - 1. The best thing we can remember is God's word. (**2 Pt 1:12-15**)
  - 2. We must work to remember! (**Ps 119:11**)
- B. How many time have we said with a red face "I forgot?"
  - 1. Many times it is funny. (Ex. Bleated birthday cards)
  - 2. Sometimes it is tragic. (Ex. Delta Flight forgot to set up flaps)
  - 3. Israel forgot God. (**Psa 78:33-35**)
- C. There is a great strength in remembering the words and examples of a beloved one.
  - 1. How many have their parents voices and example within their hearts?
  - 2. Here is where men and nations can be moved to great accomplishments. (Ex. Remember - "the Alamo", "Pearl Harbor.")
  - 3. If Jesus is beloved to you, consider what the memory of His life can do!

**I. The Potential of a beloved memory**

- A. A memory can renew our love. (**1 Jn 4:19**)
  - 1. Why do couples take time to remember anniversaries?
  - 2. God knows that His love can transform our lives. (**2 Cor 5:14-15**)
  - 3. We must however choose to remember! This is a major element of our worship.
- B. A memory can teach by example. (**1 Cor 11:1**)
  - 1. Seeing the word applied gives wisdom to those seeking to serve God.
  - 2. How many things do you do and say because of what your parents did?
- C. A memory can mold character. (**Phil 1:12-14**)
  - 1. Some of my fondest memories of my parents are those of hardship!
  - 2. Knowing that others have endured helps me to stand with courage. (**Heb 12:1-2**)

**II. The Power of the Memory of Jesus Christ**

- A. Jesus wants us to remember him.
  - 1. He sent the Holy Spirit for this purpose. (**John 14:26**)
  - 2. Jesus specified how we are to remember him. (**Lk 22:19**)
  - 3. These memories are powerful if we love and trust Him.
- B. We need to remember Jesus during temptation.
  - 1. We can know we are not alone. (**Heb 4:14-16**)
  - 2. If only we could see the cross every time we thought of quitting, striking back, compromising or becoming indifferent!
  - 3. Remembering Jesus will shut down our "pity party." (**Jn 15:20-21; Heb 12:3**)
- C. We need to remember Jesus to find repentance. (**2 Cor 7:10**)
  - 1. What did Peter both see and remember? (**Mk 14:72; Lk 22:61-62**)
  - 2. Do we know that we grieve God in our sins? Without this memory we cannot repent.
- D. We need to remember Jesus in dealing with others.
  - 1. If we could only remember Jesus when we are hurt by others! (**1 Pt 2:21-23**)
  - 2. We need to have the compassion of Jesus when we see the lost. (**Mt 9:36-38**)

- a. If I saw this concern in the heart of Jesus, it must also be mine.
  - b. Far too many Christians have forgotten souls and become selfishly concerned for numbers.
- 3. We need to have the compassion of Jesus towards other Christians. **(Jn 13:34-35; 21:15-17)**
  - a. We cannot be selfish and accomplish this. **(Rom 15:1)**
  - b. I must view every Christian as our Lord does. **(Rom 14:15)**
- E. We need to remember Jesus in worship.
  - 1. We must observe the Lord's Supper. **(Acts 20:7)**
    - a. What if we eat and fail to remember Him? **(1 Cor 11:29-30)**
    - b. Does the memory of Christ's death move you?
  - 2. Jesus showed His need for worship during His life. **(Mt 26:40-41)**
    - a. How much more do I need to pray?
    - b. Worship must always have a consciousness of God.
- F. We need to remember Jesus in our forgiveness.
  - 1. If we know what Jesus has forgiven us of then we must forgive. **(Lk 7:42-47)**
  - 2. We destroy ourselves when we fail to be moved by what Jesus has forgiven us. **(Mt 6:12-15)**
- F. We need to remember Jesus in our obedience. **(Jn 15:10-12)**
  - 1. What did the son of God do? **(Heb 5:8-9)**
  - 2. We cannot take the easy way out.

### **III. Keys to having a strong memory.**

- A. We must want to.
    - 1. Memory is neither easy nor automatic. Why should we remember?
    - 2. There are many things in my life I could remember, but I choose not to.
- "There is no past we can bring back by longing for it. There is only an eternal now that builds and creates out of the past something new and better."
- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749–1832)
- B. I must understand. **(Mt 13:19)**
    - 1. If I do not understand what Jesus did for me, how can I remember?
    - 2. Please do not let the things of God go by because of a lack of understanding!
  - C. I must concentrate.
    - 1. We need that diligence that makes the word a part of our hearts. **(Acts 20:31)**
    - 2. Memory is work! What a blessing when we succeed.
  - D. I must have daily repetition.
    - 1. This is called a "renewed mind." **(Rom 12:1-2)**
    - 2. It is easy to have the things of the world push out these vital memories.
  - E. A good memory begins from childhood.
    - 1. Thank god for godly parents who daily teach their children. **(2 Tim 3:15)**
    - 2. What are your memories like?

Conclusion: What are your memories of Christ?

- A. As Christians we have his presence as well as His memory. **(Gal 2:20; Heb 13:5-6)**
- B. Are you remembering or running from God?