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"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" -Psalm 119:105



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Did I Forget Something?

How are you at remembering things? It seems some people have a talent for remembering things: names, events, times, dates, etc. I've pretty much decided I don't have that gift! The harder you try to remember something usually results in a bigger blank. I often tell my wife if the number of items to get at the store is greater than 2, make a list!

In Deuteronomy 8, Moses *reminded* the Israelites repeatedly that they were prone to forget God. He told them that when times got better they would forget what the Lord had done for them when they were in hardship. He wanted to caution them that the comfort of wealth could make it easy to forget how dependent they were on the Lord at all times.

Deut. 8:11-14, *"Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and*

His statutes which I command you today, 12 lest — when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; 13 and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; 14 when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage."

They needed to realize that without the strength God provided they could not do a single thing!

Moses' instruction also applies to us. We must keep remembering what God has done for us, praising Him for what He has given us, and thanking Him for His mercy, patience, and forgiveness. Above all, the Lord Himself is worth remembering just for who He is.

— Shane Williams

Pray — and Plan!

Have you thought much about the relationship between “Praying” and “Planning”? For example, would we show a lack of faith if we prayed for good health and continued to have health insurance? Would it be a reflection of our faith to pray for God to provide for us, yet be saving money in a retirement account? In the Bible, wise planning and humble dependence on God go hand-in-hand!

Nehemiah provides us with a biblical illustration of how to combine planning with prayer. He was a Jew far from home, working as cup-bearer to the king of Persia. After the nation of Israel had been in captivity for 70 years, Cyrus, the first Persian king, allowed a number of Jews to go back home with Zerubbabel. Later, Ezra took more Jews back to Jerusalem to rebuild the people’s spiritual condition. In the first chapter of Nehemiah, though, we read that the returned captives were having a terrible time. **1:3**, *“The remnant there in*

the province who survived the captivity are in great distress and reproach, and the wall of Jerusalem is broken down and its gates are burned with fire.”

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Nehemiah wept, mourned for days, fasted, and prayed when he heard about the distress of the Jews who had returned to Jerusalem from exile but he also acted. He prayed for forgiveness and help but it’s clear from his prayer that he intended to ask the King for assistance (vs. 11).

So he prayed, made careful plans, and took a great risk in asking the king for permission to help the Jews. Of course, we know the story, he was successful. Against incredible odds, the wall was completed in just 52 days (6:15).

Likewise, if we maintain a humble dependence on God, we must also DO all that we can. By all means we need to pray— and plan to do our part!

— Shane Williams

Children and Peter

Isn’t it interesting that children often hear only when they want too? When it’s something fun to do, then they hear you when you whisper. Often if it’s cleaning their room, homework, or some chore, you won’t be heard the first or second time. It may take three times before you are heard!

The apostle Peter was often like that. In John 21, some of the disciples, including Peter, have breakfast with the Lord. As they talked, Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved Him. Three times He tells Peter to feed His sheep (Jn. 21:15-17).

On another occasion, God repeated an important message to Peter three times (Acts 10). It was a message to show Peter that God considered the Gentiles as “worthy” of the gospel. Peter was shown a vision of a sheet coming down from heaven. On the sheet were animals he had considered unclean. Yet a voice told him, *“Rise, Peter; kill and*

eat” (v.13). This was done not just a couple times, but three times (Acts 10:16; 11:10).

From what we know of Peter, he was a man who was hard to convince. Yet when he learned what was right, he was eager to follow. God’s patience with him can encourage us to be as long-suffering with others, especially our children.

If we have a child like Peter, we need to be persistent— never tiring of instructing them in the things that are necessary. After all, wouldn’t you say that Peter turned out all right?

— Shane Williams

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God’s Plan for Saving Man

- ⇒ [Hear](#) the Gospel (Romans 10:17)
- ⇒ [Believe](#) the Gospel (Hebrews 11:6; John 20:31)
- ⇒ [Repent](#) of Past Sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
- ⇒ [Confess Faith](#) in Christ (Romans 10:10; Matthew 10:32)
- ⇒ [Be Baptized](#) in water (Acts 2:38; Mk. 16:16; Gal. 3:27; I Pet. 3:21)
- ⇒ [Live Faithful](#) (Heb. 10:35-39)