

REMEMBER THIS! – A Way of Life

A Scripture reading for two readers

VERNA'S INTRODUCTION: Remember This! Is a collection of Bible passages that mention remembering as a way of life for believers, stimulating how we think and behave. In order to REMEMBER the Scriptures, we first have to KNOW them. Reading and meditating on God's Word is compared to eating food in many places in the Bible. One is necessary for spiritual growth and the other for physical growth. Shortly before he died, Jesus gave his followers an encouraging message concerning remembering. From John 14: *But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.* May the Holy Spirit guide us, too.

1 – From John 15: Jesus said, "Remember what I told you: 'Servants are not greater than their master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the one who sent me."

2 – From Ephesians 2: Remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

1 – From 2 Timothy 2: Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

2 – From Hebrews 13: Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

1 – From James 1: Whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it – not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it – they will be blessed in what they do.

2 – From 2 Peter 1: So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things.

1 – From 2 Peter 3: Do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 – From Hebrews 13: Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to

angels without knowing it. Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

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A PRAYER OF REMEMBERING AND FORGETTING

Dear Lord, help us to remember the things you want us to remember and to forget the things you want us to forget. Teach us to meditate on you all day long, even at night when we cannot sleep. Thank you so much for forgiving our sins, and remembering them no more. May we do the same for those who sin against us. According to your love remember us, for you, Lord, are good. Amen.

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