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**Remember To Forget**

Philippians 3:12-14 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. (13) Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, (14) I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. (KJV)

Paul was a man that had quite a past, and not one that he desired to remember. He found out that the one thing that he needed to do to move on in his walk with the Lord was to forget what was behind, so that those things which were in front of him would be within reach and become a reality. It’s amazing how many things a Christian carries around with them from their past, especially the way we think. Salvation is a whole new way of life, which requires a whole new mindset if one is going to continue to now walk by faith and not by sight.

John 14:26-27 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. (27) Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. (KJV)

I am going to sound off a bit here today concerning Bible memorization, where people think that they need to memorize more of the scriptures. Folks, that’s old school thinking and outdated, because trying to memorize the Word according to your thinking will actually draw one further away from the Lord instead of closer. What actually ends up happening is that you are listening more with your carnal ears than with your newly inherited spiritual ears. When one is relying solely on the Holy Spirit for guidance then they are hearing what the Lord has for them personally. When one gets into all this Bible memorization they are hearing and being led more by the flesh than the Spirit.

Romans 10:16-18 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? (17) So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (18) But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. (KJV)

Your faith is developed by what you hear personally from our Father which is being revealed to you by the Holy Spirit. If you are not listening and not able to hear the Word, which means to understand the meaning of it as well, you will end up back in the realm of sin; you know, that place that you thought you had gotten past?

Mark 4:22-24 For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was anything kept secret, but that it should come abroad. (23) If any man has ears to hear, let him hear. (24) And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given. (KJV)

How far do you really desire to go in your walk with the Lord; do you really desire a close, personal, and intimate relationship with Him, or is your life more religious and ritualistic, basically dead in the water? You have been given a new set of Spiritual senses, which did include a new set of ears so that you can hear and learn to rely more on the inward man than the outward fallen one. There is nothing that our Lord is hiding anymore or keeping secret, rather it is His good pleasure to give us His kingdom.

Ezekiel 12:1-2 The word of the LORD also came unto me, saying, (2) Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of a rebellious house, which have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not: for they are a rebellious house. (KJV)

The Bible is quite clear that those that are in the flesh cannot please God because they cannot hear His word; which without faith, well, that puts you back to where you were in your past, the realm of impossible, or should I say impassible.

Romans 8:12-14 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. (13) For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. (14) For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. (KJV)

God had His Son die for us so that He could send the Holy Spirit which would show us the way home. If you are not being led by the Spirit today, right now, then you are being misled by your own carnal ways and thoughts. Let’s quit limiting our Lord and let Him loose again.