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**Remember To Forget**

Romans 8:5-8 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. (6) For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. (7) Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. (8) So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. (KJV)

Yeah I know, you made some commitment with the Lord at some emotional alter call or service, and began to experience a new found joy and peace that you never knew existed. Well that’s a great start, but let’s make sure that is not the end either. Every day we have the same opportunity to decide who we are going to serve, a God who deals in the now faith realm, or are we going to look back again and see if we can find peace in a graveyard.

Lamentations 3:22-25 It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. (23) They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. (24) The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. (25) The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. (KJV)

You will notice a pattern throughout the Bible, and will see that when we are dealing with the Lord we are experiencing something new daily. If your life has become a bit stale, or you sense that you are at a standstill, most likely it is because you are still hanging onto old things as well as the old way of thinking that is stinking. If you really make the Lord a priority in your life then you will see how good He really is, rather than having an attitude of “what have you done for me lately”.

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. (2) And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (KJV)

Some of the definitions for the word ‘renewing’ include a reversal, an unveiling; renovation was another one, as well as a complete change for the better. Has your life really changed for the better, or does it seem like you get the same results as the rest of the people of the world? Are you really presenting yourself daily as a living sacrifice, this time dead to your own ways and past thoughts so that you can now walk in a totally new realm? If not, then you are getting ripped off, and that new life you should be walking in will go right past you.

Ephesians 4:22-24 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; (23) And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; (24) And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. (KJV)

Are you seeing the pattern yet, that in order to walk in a newness of life you have to let go of the old one? When you take the time to renew your mind you are able to see your life with a new set of eyes and ears, the same ones that our Lord operated with when He walked this earth, and just look where He ended up. In fact He said that He would go before us and prepare a place with Him as well in His house that He described as a mansion. Why not stop by His house today and see what is happening, after all I am sure it is much better than anything that is going on in this fallen realm.

Colossians 3:8-10 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. (9) Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; (10) And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: (KJV)

Hey folks, let’s kick that old man to the curb and leave him there where he belongs. Let’s learn to walk in a newness of life with a renewed mind so that we can see all that Christ was dying to give His people. Forget the past today, and let the Lord present you with something new.