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**Remember To Forget**

Isaiah 44:21-22 Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for thou art my servant: I have formed thee; thou art my servant: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me. (22) I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee. (KJV)

Remember this fact, our Lord said He would never leave us nor forsake us; and that all that negative stuff from our past is gone, blotted, obliterated, wiped out and forgotten. Now if only we would learn to forget those things from our past so that today we can now walk in a newness of life.

1 John 2:8-10 Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth. (9) He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. (10) He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. (KJV)

Oh by the way, if the Lord blotted out the sin of your past, then why are you still hanging onto the things of others; you know, like petty grudges and unforgiveness? When you hold the past against others that puts you back in the dark; something that you should have gotten past as well.

Mark 11:24-26 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. (25) And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. (26) But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses. (KJV)

A lot of people jump up and down and get giddy about verse 24 in holding God to His promise. However, the reason verse 24 doesn’t manifest in many is because of the following verses. Not only does God require us to forget the things of our past but we too are to forget the things of others as well if we are going to move forward on the path of life.

Matthew 6:12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. (KJV)

God has a way of balancing the books, and again He is reminding us to forgive and forget also.

Hebrews 12:1-3 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, (2) Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. (3) For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. (KJV)

It’s time to go on a weight reduction plan, where we get rid of a lot of excess spiritual baggage from our past so that we can move forward. Let’s stop a moment and consider someone who, when nailed to a cross asked the Father to forgive because they didn’t really know what they were doing.

Luke 6:35-37 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. (36) Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. (37) Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: (KJV)

Wow, what a different way of handling things, and totally opposite of what we have learned from our past. You will find in your walk with the Lord that it is much easier to forget the things of your past when the past doesn’t keep repeating itself all over again, because you are now walking in the Spirit in a new way of life.

Luke 9:60-62 Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God. (61) And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house. (62) And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God. (KJV)

Your new life is in front of you, and not behind any longer. Those that keep looking behind never get past the realm of the flesh and into the Spirit where they belong. Are you where you belong today? Well, only if you remember to forget your past.