

**Second Peter  
1:12-15**

*"If it's new, it's not true."*

The best defense against false doctrine  
is a firm grasp of true doctrine.

Until you are in the presence of God,  
you will constantly need to be  
taught the things of God and  
reminded about the things that you  
already have learned about God.

Every time we are reminded of  
the truths of God, it is like one  
more hit from a hammer driving  
the truth deeper into our lives.

Deuteronomy 4:9

Deuteronomy 4:23

Israel's history would prove to be  
a non-stop cycle of forgetfulness.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Are we any different?  
If Israel needed non-stop reminders,  
what about you?

Deuteronomy 8:11-20

Remembering the Lord and  
obeying the Lord go hand in hand.  
  
Forgetting the Lord and  
disobedience also go hand in hand.

Judges 2:8-13

Somebody, or everybody,  
forgot how important it was to  
remember, and to remind each  
other about the truths of God.

Forgetfulness about God and His  
commands was not just a Jewish  
problem, it is a humankind problem.

1 Corinthians 4:16-17

1 Corinthians 15:1-2

It is not just the lost who need to  
hear the gospel, those who are saved  
need to be reminded of it as well.

Romans 15:14-15

Never think that you are too mature to be reminded.

Exodus 12:14

“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.”

Luke 22:19

And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the New Testament we have two visual reminders: The Lord’s Supper and Baptism.

As Peter neared the end of his life:

He did not fear death.

He embraced the reality of death.

He knew that death was not the end of him.

He did not retire. Instead, he was still making every effort to serve God.

He desired to leave a lasting legacy for God.

What will you leave behind?

When your name comes to the mind of others after you have put off your body, what thoughts will come to their mind?

John 21:15-19

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