

VISION 20/20

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2 Pet. 1:12-15

FOCUS

2 Pet. 1:12 Wherefore **I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things**, though ye know *them*, and be established in the present truth.

13 Yea, I think it meet, **as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;**

14 Knowing that shortly I must put off *this* my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me.

15 Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.

Our theme for 2020:

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In order for us to have a clear vision of our future paths, we must be clear in our understanding of our present standing with the Lord. We begin with “Faith’s Convictions:”

I. FAITH’S CONVICTIONS, 1:1-21

A. As to the walk with God, 1:1-15

1. The secret of commencing well, 1:1-4 (Having assurance of salvation)
2. The secret of continuing well, 1:5-9 (Applying spiritual principles of growth)
3. The secret of concluding well, 1:10-15
 - a. Peter’s Exhortation, 1:10-12
 - (1) The nature of his exhortation, 1:10-11
 - (a) Be sure! 1:10a
 - (b) But more! 1:10b-11
 - i. You will not fall now, 1:10b
 - ii. You will not fail now, 1:11

A person can know the Lord and then lose vision of convictions and conversion. Instead of being spiritually nearsighted, we must implement action to maintain a clear vision for the new year, making “OUR FOCUS” for living dependent upon learning “HIS VISION.”

In verse 10, we began with a vision and understanding regarding “the secret of concluding well:” **diligently implementing spiritual principles (1:5-7) gives a vision of not falling nor failing throughout 2020, and our lifetime.**

This morning, we will observe that the Holy Spirit moved the Apostle Peter to express his vision for the believers’ future by emphasizing the challenge of MEMORY.

(2) The need for his exhortation, 1:12

(a) Peter's responsibility, 1:12a "Wherefore **I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things...**"

Original Word: ἀμελέω

Transliteration: ameleó

Definition: to be careless

Usage: I neglect, am careless of, disregard.

Properly, without concern, unaffected, viewing something as being *without significance*, i.e. without *perceived* value ("of no moment").

<https://biblehub.com/str/greek/272.htm>

❖ In the midst of Peter's life and ministry, he was determined to care for those to whom he was ministering.

2 Pet. 1:12a "Wherefore **I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things...**"

❖ The challenge of a pastor's responsibility is known to only a very few.

2 Cor. 11:23 Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I *am* more; **in labours** more abundant, **in stripes** above measure, **in prisons** more frequent, **in deaths** oft.

24 Of the Jews five times received I **forty stripes** save one.

25 Thrice was I **beaten with rods**, once was I **stoned**, thrice I suffered **shipwreck**, a night and a day I have been **in the deep**;

26 **In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;**

27 In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.

28 Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.

29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not?

(a) Peter's realization, 1:12b "...though ye know *them*, and be established in the present truth."

Original Word: οἶδα

Transliteration: eidó

Definition: be aware, behold, consider, perceive

Usage: I know, remember, appreciate.

eídō (*oida*) – properly, **perceiving ("mentally seeing")**. This is akin to the expressions: "I see what You mean"; "I see what you are saying."

<https://biblehub.com/greek/1492.htm>

❖ Most often, a congregation knows the essence of doctrinal truth, and, as a whole, is established – not vacillating in doctrinal foundation.

Original Word: στηρίζω

Transliteration: stérizó

Usage: (a) I fix firmly, direct myself towards, (b) generally met: I buttress, prop, support; I strengthen, **establish**.

stērízō – properly, set fast (fix); give *support to secure* (firmly establish); solidly plant (which eliminates vacillation).

<https://biblehub.com/greek/4741.htm>

❖ A church, as a congregation, though “established” in doctrinal truth, will encounter persistent challenges from within and without that threatens doctrinal purity.

Jas. 1:8 A **double minded man** is **unstable** in all his ways.

Jas. 4:8 **Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.** Cleanse *your* hands, ye sinners; and purify *your* hearts, **ye double minded.**

b. Peter's Example, 1:13-15

(1) His unfaltering determination, 1:13

2 Pet. 1:13 Yea, I think it meet, **as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;**

- ❖ The realization of leadership's responsibility is motivation for a pastor to maintain spiritual priorities while engaging in many other interactions.

Original Word: ἡγέομαι

Transliteration: hégeomai

Definition: to lead, suppose

Usage: (a) I lead, (b) I think, am of opinion, suppose, consider. (meet)

hēgéomai (from *ágō*, "to lead") – **properly, to lead the way** (going before as a *chief*) – cognate with *hēgemón* ("a governor or official who leads others").

hēgéomai ("what goes before, in front") refers to **coming first in priority** such as: "the leading thought" in one's mind, i.e. to esteem (regard highly); or a leading authority, providing leadership in a local church (see Heb 13:7,17,24).

<https://biblehub.com/greek/2233.htm>

❖ For Peter "...to stir you up..." reflects a pastor's passionate desire to "wake up" the congregation in order to FOCUS upon priorities.

Original Word: διεγείρω

Transliteration: diegeiró

Definition: to arouse completely

Usage: I wake out of sleep, arouse in general, stir up.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/1326.htm>

2 Pet. 3:1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in *both* which **I stir up your pure minds** by way of remembrance:

❖ A message preached just a few weeks ago is too easily forgotten today when testing comes.

(2) His unforgettable destiny, 1:14

2 Pet. 1:14 Knowing that shortly I must put off *this* my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me.

Original Word: ταχινός

Transliteration: tachinos

Definition: swift

Usage: swift, quick, impending. (**shortly**)

<https://biblehub.com/greek/5031.htm>

- ❖ An important fact to remember – LIFE IS BRIEF. “Knowing that shortly I must put off *this* my tabernacle...”
- ❖ Do not procrastinate the Lord’s work until it is too late to do it!

Eccl. 9:10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, **do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.**

Jn. 9:4 **I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day:** the night cometh, when no man can work.

(3) His unfailing diligence, 1:15

2 Pet. 1:15 Moreover **I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.**

❖ “...I will endeavour...” = I will be diligent to do all within my power, that, even after I am dead, you will ALWAYS REMEMBER the principles of God’s Word!

Original Word: σπουδάζω

Transliteration: spoudazó

Usage: I hasten, am eager, am zealous. (**endeavour**)

Properly, be swift (go fast, be *speedy*); (figuratively) to move speedily by showing *full diligence* (**fully applying oneself**); **acting fervently (speedy commitment) to accomplish all that God assigns through faith ("His inbirthed persuasion")**.

Original Word: μνήμη

Transliteration: mnémé

Usage: memory, remembrance, mention.

mnémē – **remembrance, especially in a particular aspect ("a lasting memory"). This "memorial" (memory) deserves to be *recollected*, i.e. remembered to honor an important concept or teaching.**

<https://biblehub.com/greek/3420.htm>

Summary

What are the important principles of life to remember?

1. Identification

- a. The Lord
- b. Life
- c. Love
- d. Labor
- e. Legitimacy

2. Investment

- a. The Lord
- b. Life
- c. Love
- d. Labor
- e. Legitimacy

3. Involvement

- a. The Lord
- b. Life
- c. Love
- d. Labor
- e. Legitimacy

Conclusion

Acts 20:24 But **none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry,** which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

2 Tim. 4:6 For I am now ready to be offered, and **the time of my departure is at hand.**

7 **I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:**

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, **but unto all them also that love his appearing.**