



“And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.” 1 John 4: 21

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The Things Above ...

To what lengths do you go in order to remember something of importance? Do you write it down? Set an alarm? Ask another to remind you? Why are steps like these necessary? Because we all have recognition of just how easily we can forget even the most important things. The fact that Post-It, the inventor of the popular Post-It note, is a business worth 5 billion dollars illustrates this point. If we go to such great lengths to remember our dentist appointment, our child’s practice, a loved one’s birthday, how much more should we be taking steps to ensure we are remembering the things of our Lord?

In Scripture, to remember is “to keep in mind, or be mindful of” (Vine’s Bible Dictionary). Jude implores those in Christ “to remember the words that were spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ” (**Jude 1:17**). Paul instructs Timothy to “Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead” (**2 Tim 2:8**). It wasn’t that Timothy had completely forgotten about Jesus and His resurrection, but rather Paul was imploring him to always “keep in mind” our Lord and what He has accomplished, allowing it to inform his life and ministry. It is only those who continually keep our Lord and his teaching in mind that will truly be faithful to and shaped by Him.

After Moses reteaches Israel concerning the law of the Lord, he instructs them to diligently share this teaching to their children, to speak of it in their home and when they are away, to consider it in the evening and in the morning (**Deut 6:7-8**). For what reason? “*That you do not forget the LORD who brought you from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery*” (**Deut. 6:12**). What steps are you taking daily to ensure that you remember Jesus and his teaching? May we never forget our Lord.