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Joshua - Lesson 12B Remembrance

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You must read Joshua Lesson 12A to understand completely the subject of the remembrance of which we are trying to make implicitly clear.

2 Peter 1:6 continued *to knowledge temperance*. Once you lose your temper, it is hard to tone it down, right? ... *and to temperance patience...* Temperance comes first because you can control your temper, but you are still aggravated. When you get to the patience part, you do not have to control your temper – it is dealt with as soon as anger starts to surface. It is a step of growing in the faith; here is progress (Jude 1:20) continuous building. 2 Peter 1:6c...*and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity*. - In other words, according to the Bible, it is easier for you to learn the whole Bible than it is for you to be nice to me. Look at what God said - if you are content with knowledge, you have only passed one course out of seven; you are still a babe in Christ.

The Bible goes on to say in 2 Peter 1:8, *For if these things be in you, and abound*, (We need abundant charity, abundant kindness, abundant patience, abundant godliness, abundant temperance...) *they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ*. You can have knowledge, but is your knowledge bearing any fruit? The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: (Galatians 5:22-23) - We can have much knowledge, but knowledge is not mentioned in the fruit of the Spirit, 2 Peter 1:9... *But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins*. If we do not grow in grace, spiritual virtue, and divine nature, we can forget all about what God did in our lives and end up living like slaves, even though we are free; we can end up living in the wilderness of carnality, even though we could cross over into the Promise Land of spirituality. We are content with average. Too many Christians in the 21st Century are not even living the average Christian life; they are content with praying before they eat, going to church, and reading their Bibles if their Sunday School teacher gives them an assignment. That is so sad, because they are not allowing God to give them entirely all He has promised to them. (John 10:10b)

The word: **remember** is in the Bible 148 times. The word **remembered**, 57; **remembrance**, 51; **remembering**, 52. As we have taught you in previous

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lessons, when God uses a word over and over again, He is trying to make a point that is important for us to know.

1 Corinthians 11:23-25, *For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: 24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.* Jesus Christ and then the Holy Spirit told all of us who are saved, we run the risk of forgetting His body broken for us on the cross. That embarrasses me, I am ashamed of the fact that the Holy Spirit and my Saviour Jesus Christ realized I could forget all about Calvary. Next time you are partaking of the Lord's Supper, think about how humiliating it is that my Saviour had to institute this memorial because He knew we could forget all about what He did on the cross. 25 *After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood; this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.*

Do you know when they crossed Jordan? On the anniversary of the day they chose a lamb in Egypt. Do you know when they kept the Passover in the Promise Land? On the anniversary of the day the Passover lamb was slain in Egypt. Do you know what the key for victory in Canaan is? It's the very same thing that brought you out of Egypt – it's your relationship to the blood of the Lamb.

If you are ever going to conquer that Promised Land, it will only be by God's help. We tend to forget that without the cross-work of Jesus Christ, we can do nothing.

Galatians 1:15-16. *But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, – that is physical birth – and called me by his grace, - that is salvation – 16 To reveal his Son in me,* God is calling you by His grace. The abundant life that God intends the believer to enjoy is not just Christ in you the hope of glory, it is Christ **revealed** in you, this side of glory. It is the living resurrected, glorified Christ in my character, my countenance, my daily living. That is what God wants for believers... *16 To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen;* We need something more than knowledge to carry the gospel to the regions beyond. We need the control of the risen Saviour inside us. If Jesus Christ was revealed in us, we could take on the heathen.

Galatians 3:1-3 *O Foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eye Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? 2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?* How did you become born again? You heard the word – you put your faith and trust in what Jesus Christ

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did for you. Then, verse 3. ***Are ye so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?*** Think of a sin that still has a grip on you. It may not even be mentioned in the Bible, but you know that it is a sin. (James 4:17) The Holy Spirit speaking through Paul stated you are not to allow it to have power over you. (1 Corinthians 6:12b) If it has power over you, then you need to let the Holy Spirit break that power. How? How did you get saved? You put your faith and trust in Jesus Christ. You cannot save yourself. You cannot free yourself. It is impossible for you to rid yourself of your sins. There is no way you can get into Heaven without God's help. "Lord I am going to trust you!" By your faith and confession of Him, He saved you! Now listen. Did He tell you, you had to be diligent? Hebrews 11:6b ***...for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is rewarder of them that diligently seek him.***

How are you going to get victory over that sin, over that habit? God is will give you victory by His power but only if you diligently seek Him. You say, *"Well, you know, I prayed, and God didn't take my temper away?"* Really? Diligently? You mean you went after that request to God with the same reverence as you did when you told God you did not want to burn in Hell, when you were willing to give up all your sins while asking His forgiveness? Doubtful! Far too often we say a couple of quick prayers; then when nothing happens or there is no change in our behavior, we conclude that God did not work. The truth of the matter is that we were just not diligent, we just did not want it?

Remember the story about the man who wanted bread late at night? When the first answer was no, he asked again and again, until he received what he requested. (Luke 11:5-8)

It is so easy for us to fall into a mindset of instant gratification. Our world is accustomed to high speed, quick responses, instant breakfast. People of our day have forgotten the meaning of patience, and unfortunately this mindset has seeped into our churches. Christians today no longer want to put any effort into their Christian life; they lean towards the world's way of thinking. We take the quicker, easier way on many occasions.

The whole Promised Land belongs to Israel, but they must fight to have every city, town, tribe, giant, and every inhabitant. Then God will give it to them, when the battle is over. He is not going to give it to them while they are sitting around. If you want victory over a sin, habit, fault, defect, or short coming in your life, if you will seek victory diligently, in accord with God's word, God will give you victory by His grace in response to your faith. But you must want it. You must want to be more than just an average Christian.

The Bible says Galatians 4:9, ***But now, after that ye have known God, or rather known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements,***

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whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage? Match that up with Galatians 4:19 *My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,* The average saved person in America, though heaven-bound with a new life, continually returns to the weak and beggarly elements of the old life, instead of being nurtured by the very body of the Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 4, the body of Jesus Christ nurtures your spiritual life so that Christ in you grows, matures, develops and forms until He is revealed in you.

Revelation 2:2-4, *I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: 3 And hast borne, and hast patience, for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.* Verse 4. *Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.* Works, labour, standing against evil, taking on false prophets, bearing the work of the gospel with diligence - but without love. The Lord's response is, "I have one thing against you – you forgot about Me."

The Bible says in Revelation 2:5 Remember *therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works;* What was the first thing you did? You came to God by faith, turning everything over to Him, and then He saved you. Do you know what the Lord said? He said, "I miss that day." Because your knowledge, your works do not impress God. When you love someone, you do everything humanly possible to make them happy; if you love God, you would keep His commandments.

The carnal Christian seeks for knowledge. In their pursuit, they miss the heart all together. Over the years we have all have seen many who were saved and then fell away, so sad. What happen to that love they had when they were first saved? They became distracted. The devil knows just where to attack. He may not be able to get you through alcohol, drugs, pornography, so he traps you by convincing you that knowledge of God's word is all you need to grow in your walk with Him. Reading and learning about God's word daily is a necessity for every child of God, but when you are content to stop there and do not build upon that knowledge (2 Peter 1:5-7) your fleshly mind will become puffed up (1 Corinthians 8:1). Once the devil has trapped you into thinking knowledge alone is righteousness, he can easily swerve you into other sins, until he has accomplished his goal in wrecking your relationship with God. John 8:44, Luke 8:14. Preachers like Jimmy Swaggart, Benny Hinn, Jim Baker, and Oral Roberts most likely were saved just like us, but through their pursuit to be more than God had intended, the devil swayed them to follow other avenues of carnality in their love for wealth, women, and power. The devil knows he cannot steal your salvation, so his next tactic is to ruin

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your testimony, making you look like a fool in the eyes of those who are looking to you for guidance.

God wants us to learn and study the Bible, but when our pursuit of knowledge become stronger than our love for Him, our Christian life is headed in the wrong direction.

We must learn to fall in love with our Saviour and do what He tells us in His word, not because we have to, but because we love Him and want too.

Most of us when we first were saved had zeal without knowledge; then our knowledge wrecked our zeal. We spend the rest of our lives trying to figure out how to get that zeal back so we can make proper use of the knowledge. The only way to get it back is to get back to the cross just like we did when we were first saved, saying, "*Lord, I can do nothing to help my condition, but I believe you can.*" Do you want to be diligent? Repent! Get on your knees, praying that God will take control of your life again. Be diligent, keep asking, keep seeking, keep knocking, and eventually the door will open. Let us all work harder at loving the Lord. Amen!

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Name _____

(*) if asterisk is shown in question, scripture is required along with answer in your own words.

1. Explain the average 21st century Christian.
2. Since the devil cannot steal our salvation, what is his next best goal?
3. Why is it important for us to remember?
4. Explain how to get your zeal for the Lord back.
5. What is the main reason why Christians today struggle with their temper?
6. What was God's requirement to the Children of Israel to enter the Promise Land?
7. Explain diligence?*
8. How can we overcome sin in our lives?*

