

SOME Lessons I Find Myself Repeating Often

I. Introduction:

A. Repetition is necessary in teaching (**I Timothy 4:6** and **II Peter 1:12-15; 3:1-2**).

1. Repetition happens even when things are known (**I John 2:21**).
2. Things taught often need retaught (**Jude 1:5**).

B. Teaching is primarily need based (**Jude 1:3-4**).

1. Thus, when things get repeated often it is because they are areas of need (i.e. **Acts 20:28-31**).
2. We don't want to reach a point wherein our lack of application would cause one to marvel at us (ex. **Mark 8:11-21**).

II. Body: Don't let them slip (**Hebrews 2:1-3**).

A. Working outside of the assembly to help each other (**I Thessalonians 5:11-14**).

1. As you are able (**I Peter 4:11**), work with your brothers and sisters.
2. This means having a family relationship (**I Peter 3:8**).

B. Don't measure others by you or you by others (**II Corinthians 10:12**).

1. We are all different in what we are able to do (**Romans 12:3-5** and **I Corinthians 12:14-27** [*contexts of spiritual gifts that have passed; but applications that fit broadly as taught in the Parable of the Talents and other contexts*] **Matthew 25:14-30** and **Luke 12:41-48**).
2. Measure yourself by the standard God has given you (**James 1:21-27**).

C. Don't judge according to what things seem (**John 7:24**).

1. It is a folly and shame to conclude something without knowing the whole story (**Proverbs 18:13**).
2. If you're going to be a critic, make sure it is constructive criticism (**Colossians 1:28**) rather than carnal condemnation (**James 4:11-12**).

D. Don't be led by your carnal emotions (**Proverbs 28:26**).

1. Carnal anger is not going to help you (**Proverbs 14:17; 29**).
2. Set aside carnal fears (**I John 4:16-19**).
3. Know that you can't control everything (**Ecclesiastes 9:11**) and learn to be at peace rather than in anxieties and carnal worries (**Colossians 3:15**).

E. Be careful about who is influencing you (**Proverbs 13:20**).

1. You need MORE time amongst faithful brethren (**Psalms 119:63** and **Hebrews 3:13**).
2. If you want sharpened... (**Proverbs 27:17**).

3. Spend enough time in the book too (**Psalms 119:97-105**)!

F. The work of being saved is still ahead of you, none of us have arrived yet (**Philippians 3:7-11, Colossians 1:21-23, and I Peter 1:9**).

1. Wherefore... **I Corinthians 10:12**

2. Keep working (**I Corinthians 15:57-58**).

III. Conclusion: Before we can properly benefit from meatier things, we all need to reach a certain point of spiritual maturity (**Hebrews 5:14**).