

Sometimes We Have To Be Told To Remember

I. Introduction:

A. Teachers of the will of Christ have always had a role in reminding brethren things (**I Timothy 4:6**).

1. To instruct with warning (**II Timothy 2:14**).
2. To motivate (**II Peter 1:13**).

B. To be mindful (**II Peter 3:1-2**).

1. Growth isn't just about learning new things, but growing in things that you have been taught (**I Thessalonians 4:1-2**).
2. Not allowing what we know to slip (**Hebrews 2:1**).

II. Body: **Romans 15:8-21**

A. Paul was *"the Apostle of the Gentiles"* (**Romans 11:13**).

1. That was the Lord's will from the time Paul was converted (**Acts 9:1-16**).
2. Paul certainly did what the Lord wanted (**Ephesians 3:8**).
 - a. For clarity, Paul did not preach only to Gentiles (**Acts 28:17-24**).
 - b. Think about what his "manner was" (**Acts 17:1-3**).

B. Think about why Paul reminded the saints in Rome that he was the Apostle to the Gentiles (**Romans 3:27-29**).

1. There was a problem in understanding this and thus it needed to be taught (**Romans 9:24-26; 10:12**).
2. So, Paul reminding them that he was sent to the Gentiles is a similar argument as to what Peter put forth when Jews were trying to require Gentiles to keep the Law of Moses (**Acts 15:1-11**; cf. **Acts 10:1-48**).

C. So we too should remember that those who put on Christ are our brethren (**Galatians 3:26-29**).

1. It is easy to be so comfortable with who are in our fellowship locally so much that bringing in others may not seem ideal. We like who is here. Yet, the Lord wants to see others added to this local family even if their outsiders at the first (**Acts 10:34-36**).
2. Remember "whosoever" (**Acts 2:21**).
3. We cannot become like the Jews (**Acts 13:44-45**) and claim the Lord as though He is only ours for the taking (**I John 4:14**).
4. We have seen trouble makers come and go as did saints in the first century (**Jude 1:4**). However, we cannot fear possibilities (i.e. **Galatians 5:7-9**) to the exclusion of those the Lord added (cf. **Acts 2:47**).

III. Conclusion: Even though you have known something, understand that learning it again is how learning often happens (**Jude 1:5; 1:17**).