



# The Holy Spirit Our Reminder

**“These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you” (John 14:25,26).**

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God created memory to enable us recall, organise thoughts to facilitate us taking the right course of action at the right time and function properly in life. God endowed every human being with a vast store of conscious and subconscious mind that is capable of storing every knowledge, thought and experiences in life. The ability or inability to recall and apply these at the point of need makes the difference between success and failure in life. A few illustrations can demonstrate the significance of good memory:

- 1) Without memory, human being would have to re-learn every skill they had previously mastered before they could use them again. These would keep them perpetually babies such as an adult who was brain damaged at birth, who now have an adult body trapped in a baby's mind. Spiritually, such people are “Ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of truth” (2 Timothy 3:7).
- 2) A lawyer who only remembers the right law to apply after the case, will remain a loser and professional failure. Success demands being “wise before” and not “after” the event.
- 3) A student who forgets all s/he had studied during examinations will fail academically.
- 4) If mobile phones, computers and other gadgets had no memories, we would have to re-type every phone number to make a call, or document each time we want to correct it.
- 5) If cameras, camcorders, etc had no memories we would not be able to save for future retrieval any image or video recorded - needing recreation of circumstances to recapture.
- 6) Science tells us that the brain of a normal person thinks at 0.3 seconds, and is diminished if this drops to 0.4 seconds, i.e. lost

**my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them” (Ezekiel 36:27).**


the quality and vibrancy previously enjoyed in life.

- 7) A soldier who forgets how to operate military machinery / weapons at the peak of battle will easily become a casualty!

Memory is a vital function that determines the quality, effectiveness and efficiency of every aspect of life - physical, social, academic, career, family and spiritual life. God gave us the sub-conscious mind because man can only handle a certain amount of information at the conscious mind level. Every human being has the ability to forget things that are not immediately needed. Such details, though forgotten are not lost but forever stored in the sub-conscious mind. Man's ability to pull relevant information from the sub-conscious to the conscious mind at precisely the right time it is most needed to solve problem (i.e. at the nick of time or being wise before the event) is the secret to wisdom, breakthroughs, achievements, success and excellence.

Jesus knew that we would forget. He also recognised the danger of such forgetfulness. That is why He sent the Holy Spirit as an aide “to bring all things to your remembrance” (John 14:26). In this role, the Holy Spirit helps us to remember God's promises, word or events through means such as:

- 1) Illuminating familiar scriptures and bringing out new meaning or message to our understanding and benefit (Matthew 13:52; Luke 24:32).

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- 2) Laying burden on our hearts that moves us to prayer through which God speaks to us or the Holy Spirit prays through us in accordance with the will of God (Romans 8:26). The burden cause us to recognise divine opportunities to take or dangers to avoid (e.g. demonic traps or distractions tossed as wonderful / desirable opportunities).
  - 3) Stirring up our spirit and pointing us to truths or actions to consummate the victory. He then keeps us restless until the right action is taken (Ezekiel 40:4). [Note: this restlessness has nothing to do with worry, doubt, anxiety or any negative emotions, but rather a nudging sense of responsibility to take the right course of action].
  - 4) Interpreting events in the context of scriptures they fulfil (Matthew 26:75; Luke 24:8; John 2:17,22; 12:16; 16:12-14; Acts 11:16).
  - 5) Speaking to us words that provide Spiritual guidance and direction (Isaiah 30:21) at moment they are most needed. These may be words that we have already read or known but could not of our own apply to the situation (e.g. "Hold unto you dreams, the future is bright", "What appears to be the end of the road is only a bend in a corner", "It is better to try and fail than to fail the try" or "Evil triumphs when good men do nothing" etc).
  - 6) Assurance of divine presence in times of pain, danger or trouble (Habakkuk 3:17-19).
  - 7) Revealing links between apparently different events that make us recognise patterns that unveils the underlying problems and point ways to permanent solutions (e.g. repeated sickness at specific periods / stages in life's journey revealing underlying demonic problems that results in permanent deliverance).

Our situations and circumstances in life vary considerably and so does the Ministry of the Holy Spirit as a reminder. While some people may suffer disability, sickness, persecution, poverty or peculiar circumstances almost all through life, there are others who may not experience or perhaps only occasionally experience these. The Holy Spirit comes alongside us in these circumstances and remind us of salient truths and God's promises relevant to our situation with a

view to bringing us comfort and strength not only to successfully cope with those situations but also to triumph over them gloriously bringing hope and inspiration to multitudes all over the world. Once such revelations are received they bring new lease of life, hope, love, courage and passion to begin again and achieve the impossible for God. Examples include:

- 1) While the 10 spies only saw the physical (giants, walled cities, etc), through the Holy Spirit's reminder, Joshua and Caleb believed God's promises for Israel and became possessors of the Promised Land.
- 2) Through the burning bush encounter, Moses was re-commissioned to succeed in an abandoned mission that he had previously failed.
- 3) Through the work of the Holy Spirit, fugitive David received the inspiration to declare "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance" (Psalms 42:5).
- 4) The apostles rejoiced in persecution and triumphed in adversity when they accepted the Holy Spirit's reminder of scriptures (Acts 4:21-37).

The Holy spirit is doing His work of reminding, but we must co-operate to benefit from it by:

- 1) Using instruments that aid our memory. For example we use calendars, organisers, friends as memory joggers in the natural. We need to apply the same to the spiritual e.g. memory verse cards, 'text message from God', milestones, spiritual pictures, etc (Deuteronomy 11:18; Genesis 30:27-43).
- 2) Regular intake of the word of God through reading, fellowship, meditation and prayers (I Timothy 4:15)
- 3) Recounting God's deeds, past victories, miracles and testimonies (Psalms 77:8-12). Satan wants you to see the dark side, but you must determine to persistently look / focus at the bright side if you must get your victory and deliverance (Psalms 101:3).
- 4) Praying for the Holy Spirit to remind you. Fellowship and partner with Him. Promptly act on all that He brings to your memory.
- 5) Constantly declare your victory and thank God for it. God creates the fruit of the lips!