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I Corinthians 4:17, **“For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.”**

If there is one thing that an older age (notice I didn't say old) does for us is that of a slower or lessening of our memories. We all tend to blame a lack of a good memory on getting older, and in a lot of cases that's true. However, there are things we can do to better remember the things which God has for us to know and retain. Peter wrote an epistle to those he termed as beloved, and said, **“I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance...”** Realizing that our minds are not 100% pure, Peter is indicating the spiritual mind of the child of God; not the mind of the flesh. Paul told Timothy, **“Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God...”** (II Timothy 1:6). With both Peter and Paul using the term **“stir up”** in relationship with remembering, there must be something important about listening to the gospel of Jesus Christ. The preached word of our Saviour stirs us up both in remembering what Christ has done for us in an eternal sense, but also how He helps us while we are here in time to praise, honor and glorify His name.

The scriptures list the word **“remember”** numerous times and it is used in both the old and new testament. Many of the new testament usages are in our remembering the instructions of Jesus and those of the apostles as they reminded us of His teachings through the use of the gospel. Keep in mind that one of the primary ways for our memory to stay in better condition is through listening to the preached word of the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord as often as we can. If you are not a regular attendee, why not go this coming weekend. It will go a long way to helping you to remember better, especially when it comes to what Jesus has done, is doing, and will do for those He loves and died for. Think strongly about your

first love (Revelation 2:4). Remember? For some, it may be time to return. *Think about it!*