

REMEMBERING GOD



There is a power that lies in the remembrance and remembering the work of the hand of the Creator in your life.

1 Corinthians 10: 1-13
Ecclesiastes 12: 1

Both scriptures above speak about remembering God, they speak with so much volume for us to not be counted amongst those that forget God - especially in our youth.

In life, some things are not meant to be forgotten, and if forgotten they come with a price. Forgetting God can cost you everything, to a point that you lose the very thing that drew your attention away from God.

When it comes to God's time, activities and mission - do not forget. In other words, let God be the preoccupation of your mind.

So, forgetting God is when you ignore Him, His plans and purposes, and fail to acknowledge Him. With God being so visible and audible that even nature speaks of His glory (see Roman 1:20 and Psalms 19:1), what makes a man forget Him? One of the primary reasons that's inevitable to ignore is that anyone is bound to forget God if they set their attention elsewhere. So many people focus on the gifts that come with living and forget the Giver. The pursuit of happiness has caused many to forget God and put Him in the last place. When your mind is only set on acquiring wealth and making yourself comfortable, then you're on your way to forgetting God or have already forgotten Him.

So, in your search for a comfortable life "remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth", that's in Deuteronomy 8:18.

Other reasons that may lead people to forget God is: ungratefulness, a misconception of who God is, ignorance and also but not limited to troubles of life.

As for the Israelites, there is a particular story that stands out on how they forgot the God that took them across the red sea. In that story, Moses went to the mountain to receive instructions from God, and the people stayed behind to build a golden calf as a representation of God (see Exodus 32:1-7). This event shows that a lack of good leadership can cause you to forget God. When you are away from the people that God has placed to lead you, you are in danger of forgetting Him. Don't find comfort in the fact that you were brought up in a Christian family or go to church every weekend. If you turn away from God, you run the risk of losing a lot.

This passage in 1 Corinthians mentions that several people died because they ignored God - don't let that be you. You will never lose your salvation, but your acts can reject it.

Compliancy to the world's system will cause your heart to grow cold to the things of God.

In the world we live in today, the fast life as many young people call it, one can easily get caught up with living. But amid all the busyness, God is asking us to not forget Him "Be cheerful and enjoy life while you are young! Do what you want and find pleasure in what you see. But don't forget that God will judge you for everything you do" Ecclesiastes 11:9 CEV. As human beings, we easily forget, especially in our days of youth. Youth is that time in life where we're still fresh, strong, vigorous and full of vibrancy. All these attributes tend to channel our focus and energy into everything else but God.

As much as we can try to ignore this fact, the days of one's youth are very important.

It's a time that we give a lot, but we can also lose a lot. You lose when you don't give to the right things and giving right starts with giving God your youth. Remember God now that you are still young full of life and energy, don't wait to be too old and depleted of energy.

Remember that God is the creator, so everything that you can focus your energy on was created through Him. Quit focusing on the created thing, focus on the creator first.

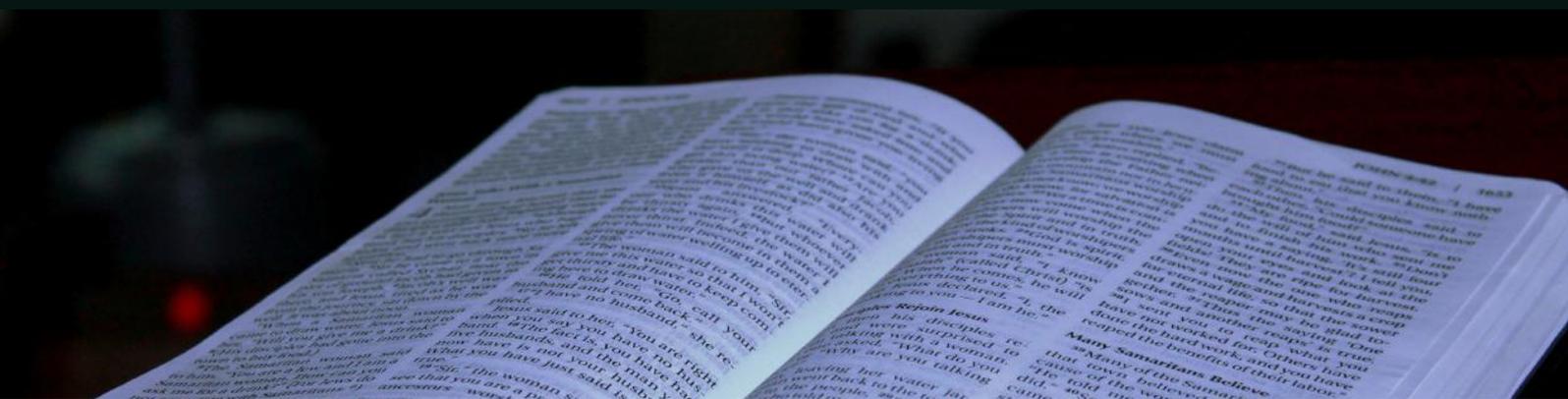
It's amazing how we get lost in the things that should make us remember Him.

"And He Himself existed and is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. [His is the controlling, cohesive force of the universe.]"

Colossians 1:17 AMP

When God asks us to remember Him in our youth, He is implying that we should serve Him while we are young. Serving God is not only limited to working in a department at church. But it is finding ways to push for the expansion of His Kingdom on earth through you.

Serving God is in the daily opportunities that we get to minister to someone and let them know about God's love (soul winning). It's in the good deeds that we carry out throughout our day, in other words, serving God becomes a way of living because you're conscious of Him.



Though God is calling us to serve Him in our youth, there's still that voice of doubt that speaks deep into our hearts saying, 'you are too young'. Don't let your age become the barrier that stops you from living for God, you are never too young to serve Him. Jesus was a Rabbi, and the followers of a Rabbi were usually younger than the Rabbi himself.

So, the possibility is huge that most of the disciples were younger than Jesus.

The gospel was entrusted to a group of young people which in turn revolutionized the whole world.

That's not the only example, the bible is filled with many young people that honored God with their youth and changed their world. To name a few there was David, Salomon, Gedeon, Joseph and even Daniel, so there's no reason to shy back because of your age.

God can change the world through you, but are you willing to remember Him with your youth? This is the generation that will bring revival into the world and push the kingdom of God forward.

In all that God has asked us to do, He has offered His Spirit to help us through it all.

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you" John 14:26 NKJV.

For the times that we don't know, He will teach us, and for the times that we forget, He will remind us. The Word of God is here to remind us of Him. To remind means to put again in your mind something that is already there. What an assurance! All that He asks of us is to remember Him in our youth.

