



PLEASE, DON'T  
**FORGET**

  
(2 PETER)



Michael Clary



“There once was a certain kind of evangelical Christian I felt free to make fun of.

“I was pastoring a fast-growing church in an urban environment, and a spirit of elitism had infected us. No one would correct me on it because they made fun of them, too.



“The people we felt free to mock were conservative, uneducated, back-woods fundies who still read the KJV.

“They lacked the theological sophistication and cultural insight I had acquired while doing campus ministry and studying at seminary.

“I came from the hills of WV. Appalachian, born and bred. I knew these people well because I grew up around them.

“But I had moved on. I was better than them. I was more learned and cultured. I had ‘seen the world,’ and they hadn’t.

“I was a successful church planter in an urban cultural context in Cincinnati. My sending organization flew me around the country to share my success stories and train younger planters in the ‘way it’s done.’

“I would not have admitted this at the time,  
but deep down, I felt superior to my  
hometown people and their country religion.

“My ministry ‘success’ was at least partly driven by a desire to separate myself from them and prove that ‘I’m not one of those fundie Christians.’



“But then it began to dawn on me: I was standing on the shoulders of giants. My grandfather was one of those country preachers.

“He provided for his family by working a physically demanding job in a steel mill his whole life. His family was poor, but he did what needed to be done.

“He had only received a 6<sup>th</sup> grade education. He didn’t know how to read very well. He listened to the KJV Bible on audio cassette on his 45 minute commutes to work. Up and back, every day, listening to the Bible. King James! Scripture got under his skin.

“My great-grandfather was the same way. He only received a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade education. He planted a church deep in the hills of WV and built a church building for it on his property ....

“He lived to be 102 years old and was healthy and energetic up to the very end. In his 90s he would take fruit baskets to the ‘shut ins’ of his church who were much younger than him.

“He married his wife when she was 14. He remained faithful to her, and they enjoyed 74 years together ....

“He stayed true to the Lord and to his calling for 80 years. EIGHTY YEARS! And here I was, three or four years into my new church plant, attracting a few hundred people, feeling like I’d accomplished something, feeling superior to men like my grandfather and great grandfather.



“So I repented. I repented of my arrogance. I repented of my self-righteous attitude to ‘that old time religion’ that sustained my grandparents who had so much less than me.

“I repented of looking down on faithful, older Christians who had passed on a legacy to me.”

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“His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence ...”

2 Peter 1:3

“For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

“For whoever lacks these qualities is so  
nearsighted that he is blind, **having forgotten**  
that he was cleansed from his former sins.”

2 Peter 1:8-9

“Therefore I intend always to **remind** you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have.

“I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of **reminder**, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me.

“And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to **recall** these things.”

2 Peter 1:12-15



“‘The word of the Lord that you have spoken is good.’ For he thought, ‘Why not, if there will be peace and security in my days?’”

2 Kings 20:19

“This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of **reminder**,

“that you should **remember** the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles.”

2 Peter 3:1-2



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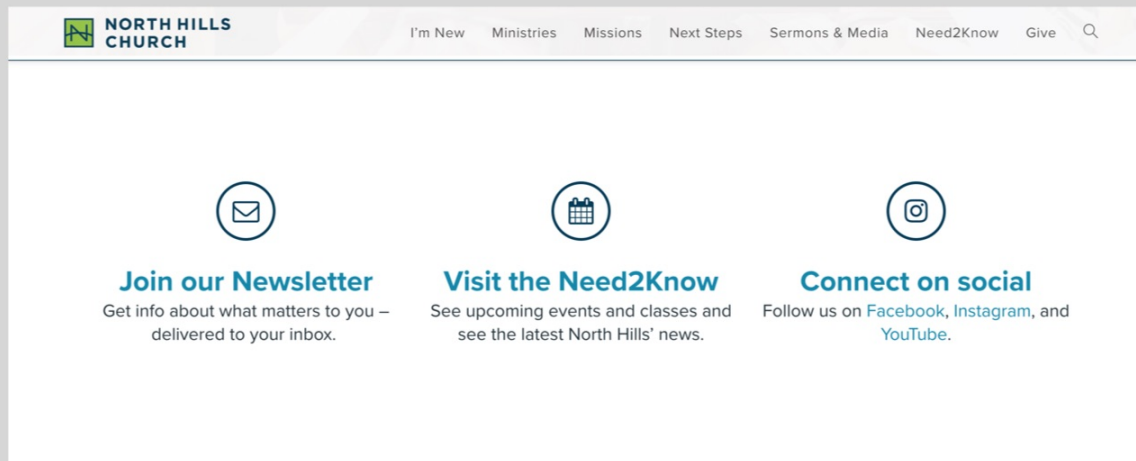
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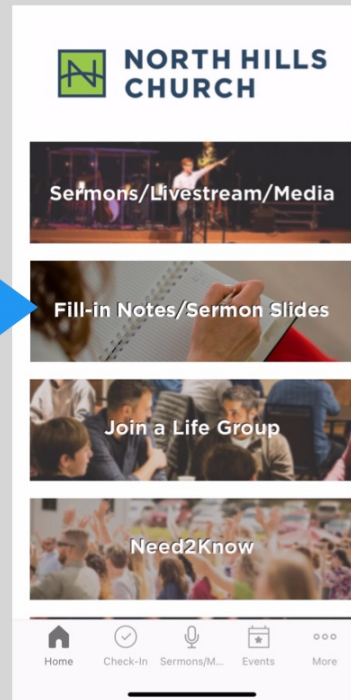
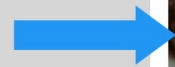
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## Four Types of Hearers

1. Defensive Hearer	hard soil	Satan takes away the Word (15)
2. Discouraged Hearer	shallow soil	receives it with joy ... falls away (16-17)
3. Distracted Hearer	thorny soil	choked by cares, lies, and desires (18-19)
4. Dynamic Hearer	good soil	hears ... receives ... bears fruit (20)

“But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.”

Mark 4:20

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3. Overview

- **Growing** (1:3-15)

“For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.



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2 Peter 1:5-9

- Growing (1:3-15)
- **Discerning** (1:16-2:22)

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  - The **true words**

“For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.”

2 Peter 1:16

“And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts,

“knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation.

“For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”

2 Peter 1:19-21



- Growing (1:3-15)
- Discerning (1:16-2:22)
  - The true words
  - The **false words**

“But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.

“And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed. And in their greed they will exploit you with false words.

“Their condemnation from long ago is not idle,  
and their destruction is not asleep.”

2 Peter 2:1-3

- Growing (1:3-15)
- Discerning (1:16-2:22)
- **Waiting** (3:1-18)

“... knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires.

“They will say, ‘Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.’”

2 Peter 3:3-4

“But according to his promise we are **waiting** for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.



“Therefore, beloved, since you are **waiting** for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.”

2 Peter 3:13-14

- Growing (1:3-15)
- Discerning (1:16-2:22)
- Waiting (3:1-18)
- **Listening**