



PLEASE, DON'T  
**FORGET**

**(2 PETER)**



Herbert Simon



“Hence, a wealth of **information** creates a poverty of **attention.**”

Herbert Simon

“The number one reason for forgetting what you just said, a person’s name, where you put your phone, and whether you already drove over a really big bridge is a lack of attention.

“You can’t later remember what is right in front of you if you don’t pay attention to it.”

Lisa Genova

“Paying attention requires conscious effort.  
Your default brain activity is not attentive.”

“Your inattentive brain is zoned out, daydreaming, on autopilot, and full of constant background, repetitive thinking. You can’t create a new memory in this state.

“If you want to remember something, you have to turn your brain on, wake up, become consciously aware, and pay attention.”

Lisa Genova



“I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder ...”

2 Peter 1:13

What should we pay attention to?

“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 ...”

2 Peter 1:19

“... by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature ...”

2 Peter 1:4

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- **We identify and avoid false teaching** as we pay attention to these precious and very great promises! (2:1 - 3:18)

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“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.

“For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,’ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.”

2 Peter 1:16-18

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“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased ...”

Matthew 17:5

“Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Matthew 16:28

\* When you witness his majesty, you no longer pay attention to the distracting messages of myth as you wait for his return.

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“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” John 1:5

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“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”

Ephesians 6:12

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- the domain of evil forces
- ignorance of God's story

“But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day.

“We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.”

1 Thessalonians 5:4-6

“In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God ....

“For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

2 Corinthians 4:4, 6

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“For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.”

1 Corinthians 13:12

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3. because it comes from **God, not man**.

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

2 Peter 1:20

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“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 1:21



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- How does paying attention to his Word help me to navigate the “dark places” in my life?

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sweeter than honey to my mouth!  
Through your precepts I get understanding;  
therefore I hate every false way.  
Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.”

Psalm 119:103-105