

Power and Praise in Remembering

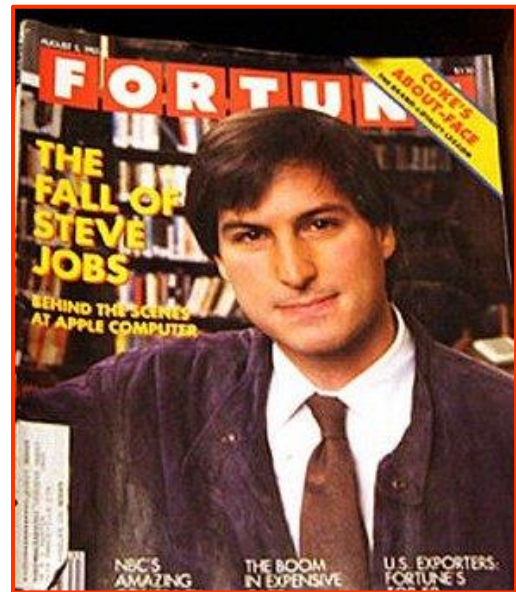
Monday's *Perspective* was the first in a two-part series on the importance of remembering, generated after a devotional at the 2017 annual management meeting. Today's article is the conclusion.

Both parts of the series are grounded in Deuteronomy 4:9: *Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.*

Remembering brings power

Steve Jobs, founder of Apple, said: "Remembering is vital to success. I didn't see it then, but getting fired from Apple was one of the best things that could ever happen to me. The heaviness of being successful was replaced by the lightness of being a beginner again, less sure about everything. It freed me to enter one of the most creative periods. I remember my firing often."

Romans 8:28 reminds us that all things work together for good to those who love the Lord. I don't like to eat baking soda or flour or buttermilk, but if you mix them together and put them in high heat, I most assuredly do love biscuits.



As was the case with Steve Jobs, look back at your life. Some of the best times arose from what you thought were your worst experiences. And by the way, we don't remember the days, weeks or years of our lives nearly as much as the moments.

Remembering brings praise!

In whatever circumstances or challenges we may find ourselves, our God will deliver us as He did in the days of old. As you have opportunity, study Isaiah, Chapter 51. It is a great chapter about the children of God praising the Lord as He urges them to remember His mighty works in bygone generations and His promise to deliver us again. It is the Bible's greatest chapter on remembrance. Just read these verses (Isaiah 51:9-11 NIV):

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9 *Awake, awake, arm of the Lord,
clothe yourself with strength!
Awake, as in days gone by,
as in generations of old.
Was it not you who cut Rahab to pieces,
who pierced that monster through?*
10 *Was it not you who dried up the sea,
the waters of the great deep,
who made a road in the depths of the sea
so that the redeemed might cross over?*
11 *Those the Lord has rescued will return.
They will enter Zion with singing;
everlasting joy will crown their heads
Gladness and joy will overtake them,
and sorrow and sighing will flee away.*

We should regularly count *our* blessings – and they are many – and thank our Lord for His grace and providence. Remembering brings power and praise.

We also should be reminded – particularly in the mission to which we are called – that we must remember those who can no longer remember. As a National Team with the Alzheimer's Association, Life Care has raised a total of \$363,637 in the various Walks to End Alzheimer's across the country. That's great, but we need to do more as we continue to add facilities to our team.

Your commitment is *remembered* – and appreciated!

– Beecher Hunter