

# The Vincennes Voice

“...The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight...” (Matt. 3:3)

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## HAVE YOU REMEMBERED WELL?

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This weekend serves as “Memorial Day Weekend.” It is a time Americans remember “all Americans who have died fighting the nation's wars.” The Bible calls upon us to remember as well. The Bible defines “to remember” is to “*forget not*” (Dte. 9:7). Be sure you are remembering these important things.

**1) REMEMBER OUR FAULTS.** That is, until we have done what is necessary to rectify them. Pharaoh's chief butler said, “*I do remember my faults this day*” (Gen. 41:9). His fault was he had forgotten to remember Joseph (in prison) upon his release. We need to remember our faults and sins long enough to do what is necessary to remove them. First, one should feel the need to be baptized so they can “*wash away*” their sins (Acts 22:16). When a Christian sins (and they do), they must confess their sin and God “*is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness*” (I Jn. 1:9). Once these actions have been taken, one needs to

do as Paul and forget “*those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before*” (Php. 3:13).

### **2) REMEMBER ALL THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD.**

With regard to putting fringes on their garments, the Hebrew children were told “*look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes*” (Num. 15:39). We, too, must remember all of God's commandments to us. Not some or most of them, but all of them. And anything we can do to help us in that endeavor is well-worth the effort. May we carry with us the same attitude of Cornelius who said, “*Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God*” (Acts 10:33).

**3) REMEMBER HIS MARVELLOUS WORKS.** I Chronicles 16:12 records,

“*Remember his marvellous works that he hath done, his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth.*” The same thought is seen in Psalm 105:5. Our lives often get busy and we forget how wonderful of a God we serve! Don't do that! The Psalmist would write, “*Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits*” (Psa. 103:2) and “*He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion*” (Psa. 111:4). On this day, do as the old hymn suggests and “Count Your Many Blessings!”

### **4) REMEMBER MY LIFE IS WIND.**

In the midst of his severe trials Job iterated, “*O remember that my life is wind: mine eye shall no more see good*” (Job 7:7). His insinuation here is two-fold. One, all the living should know that life is unstable. We cannot know what will occur from one day to the next. Recall, the preacher penned, “*time and chance happeneth to them all*” (Eccl. 9:11). Job was also

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appreciating the brevity of life. The Psalm writer logs, “Remember how short my time is” (Psa. 89:47). The Bible compares life to a “vapour” (Jam. 4:14), to a “flower” and a “shadow” (Job 14:2), and “smoke” (Psa. 102:3). We each must remember life, at best, is brief.

**5) REMEMBER THY CREATOR.** This is the plea of Solomon in Ecclesiastes 12:1 in which he fully authors, “Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them” (Eccl. 12:1). When we are young is the best time to obey the Father. But no matter what age a man is, he must remember His Creator. In this place, to remember is to be obedient to. Understanding this, have you remembered your Creator?

**6) REMEMBER LOT’S WIFE.** Jesus, in simple fashion said, “Remember Lot’s wife” (Lk. 17:32). The simple fact is, she directly disobeyed

the angel’s order, “*Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed*” (Gen. 19:17). It is a mystery as to why she did look back. Jesus plainly admonished to remember her, and the result of her disobedience. Paul makes it clear God will exact vengeance “*on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ*” (II Thess. 1:8).

**7) REMEMBER THE POOR.** Paul taught this in Galatians 2:10. It is sad to see folks and families who have to go without for a period of time. Christians are to told “*Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth*” (Eph. 4:28). Those wishing to help others (the poor in some cases) are reminded, “*Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it. Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee*”

(Prov. 3:27-28). We often, and usually privately ridicule folks in these situations, but may we remember the rule of gold which affirms, “*Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets*” (Matt. 7:12). Have you remembered these folks lately?

**8) REMEMBER JESUS WAS RAISED.** Paul urged Timothy and his readers to “Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel” (II Tim. 2:8). This may seem like an odd edict of the Lord. Yet, without the raising of the Lord from the dead, we would be in an immense amount of spiritual trouble (I Cor. 15:12-19). Peter penned, “*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead*” (I Pet. 1:3). May we always remember and appreciate the fact the Lord was raised from the dead!

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## MEETING TIMES (EST)

### SUNDAY

Bible Study – 10:00 am

Worship – 11:00 am & 3:00 pm

### WEDNESDAY

Bible Study – 7:00 pm