



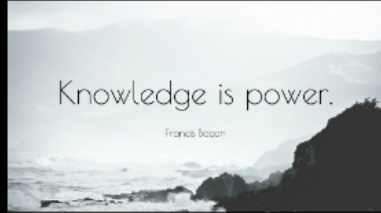
2 PETER 1:3-11 // NIV 1984

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Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

  
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 STUDY HARD.  
 BE EVIL.**



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2 Peter 3:1-2  
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Being firmly established in wholesome thinking is stimulated through the disciplines of memory.

# 1. We need **firmly established truths.**

## Firmly established beliefs:

1. Death is not the end
2. Our deaths are under God's providence
3. Christ will return in power and glory as king and judge
4. We have everything we need for godliness

## Firm foundation:

"We did not follow ***cleverly invented stories*** when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but **we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.**"

Speculative faith  
"Cleverly invented myths" - what we all do

Scientistic objection  
The impossibility of objective proof that can do for us of what we do for ourselves

Grounded faith  
Because I have seen and heard with my own eyes and have touched with my hands  
(Seen regarding Christ's return)

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As opposed to "received"

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## 2. We need our **memory** constantly reminded (to have the firm truths firmly established in us).



Questions:

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- Who has a 4-neck shirt or overigan?

"ask, know that..."

4 levels of knowing: (Larry Osborne)



(Sacred) memory:

Remembering firm truths by intentional thinking  
in order to remember with freedom the pursuit of  
godliness through gracious living.

2nd problem of memory in sinful condition:

**Memory is also overwhelmed by the flesh**

Novelty *and* Acuity  
of experience

What takes up your thinking and feeling when...

- ...you feel threatened?
- ...you feel attacked?
- ...you are at leisure or unoccupied?
- ...you are trying to concentrate?
- ...you perform poorly?

**What we need to constantly remind each other.**

1. The gospel is firmly founded
2. God has given us everything we need for godliness
3. We are never alone
4. Our living and dying are in God's hands
5. Jesus is returning in power and glory
6. We must graciously strive toward godliness
7. Love is the great pursuit of godliness
8. Humility is our safest disposition, and service our greatest activity
9. God will complete what he has begun
10. If God is for us, who can be against us?
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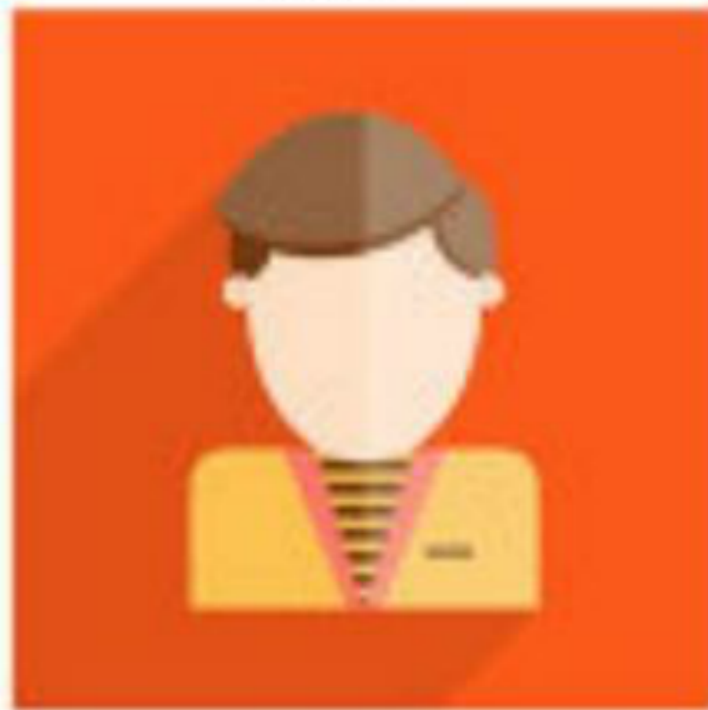
# **(Sacred) memory:**

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**Ben**



**Mike**



**Ryan**



**Matt**



**Ted**



**Bill**



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"Yeah, I knew that..."

# 4 levels of knowing: (Larry Osborne)

Inspiration

Familiarity

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Boredom

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Mastery

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