

Right Use Of Our Memory

We have all been created with the ability to store in our memory words, pictures and experiences.

The part of our live experience where this happens is indicated to be our human spirit.

Job 32:8 [New King James] *“But there is a spirit in man, and the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding.”*

The Hebrew word translated “*understanding*” is “*biyn*” meaning to separate mentally, consider, discern, mark and perceive.

This is the only part of our human life that we receive from the Creator God that returns to Him on our death.

Ecclesiastes 12:7 [New King James] *“Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it.”*

The rest of our physical body including the brain returns to the “dust” from which it is made.

The human spirit [memory] **cannot** see, hear or feel of itself, it has to experience all this through the physical body and its senses.

What this human spirit cannot do is to distinguish between synthetic and actual experiences.

Matthew 5:28 [New King James] *“But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”*

To look on a woman, to lust after her body, is recorded in our human spirit [memory] as an actual act of adultery.

This is part of this ability that is negative. God intended us to use this wonderful ability to retain words and experiences in a positive way as we develop His very character.

This is accomplished with the Holy Spirit combining with our human spirit to develop and retain right concepts of our Creator God’s way of life.

One powerful way we can record in our human spirit, God’s way of life and begin to live it, is through studying the recorded words and experiences of God’s Son, Jesus Christ.

This applies also to the inspired writings and experiences of the apostles.

We then will know how we should react in any life situation, as the Holy Spirit will remind us of these scriptures [**John 14:26**] that have been recorded and retained in our human spirit.

I now wish to apply what we have just learnt to one experience in the life of Jesus Christ that was recorded in God’s Word, the Christian Bible.

We are to seek the lessons we can then record in our human spirit [memory] for future use in our character development, to become more like Jesus Christ and God the Father.

John 2:1-2 [New King James] *“On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding.”*

Jesus Christ, His mother Mary and the disciples were invited to a wedding feast as guests, such ceremonies we understand can extend to several days of festivities.

John 2:3 [New King James] *“And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, ‘They have no wine.’”*

The host ran out of wine, this was a social calamity.

Pause and think, who was responsible for seeing that there was enough wine, **not** Jesus Christ who was a guest.

Jesus Christ’s mother knew Jesus Christ’s compassion and tremendous capacity to help those in need, so she mentioned the situation to her son Jesus Christ.

John 2:4 [Amplified Bible] *“Dear woman, what is this to you and me ...”*

This was true, but what can we learn from this response?

Lesson One – Jesus Christ was not a “busybody,” muscling in on others’ responsibilities, did not try to take over someone else’s job.

“... my time [hour or act] is not yet come.” [Ecclesiastes 3:1].

This was not the time for Jesus Christ to take “centre stage” in His ministry. As yet He was building up confidence in those who He had called as disciples, as to Who He was, the very Son of God.

John 2:5 [New King James] *“His mother said to the servants, ‘Whatever He says to you, do it.’”*

Mary knew well how her Son would react at this time of need, so she “put Him on the spot.”

After this statement all the eyes of His disciples and the servants were on Jesus Christ.

Lesson Two – Mary knew of Jesus Christ’s compassion and tremendous capacity to help those in need, an example attitude we should record and respond to in our lives.

John 2:6-8 [New King James] *“Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. Jesus said to them, ‘Fill the waterpots with water.’ And they filled them up to the brim. And He said to them, ‘Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast.’ And they took it.”*

Jesus Christ then did something to help in this embarrassing situation.

Lesson Three – Note how Jesus Christ reacted, just as God the Father always does, and as we should learn to react, generously, [Luke 6:38], the contents of these pots are estimated at least 120 gallons of wine.

John 2:9-10 [New King James] *“When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. And he said to him, ‘Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!’”*

The master of the feast did not know what had happened and no record of him ever knowing, and the bridegroom received the praise for the quality of the wine.

Lesson Four – Jesus Christ had a “low key” approach towards his generosity. He did **not** present Himself before others to receive the glory and praise of other human beings, [Matthew 6:3-4].

We need to look for and imbibe such events in the life of Jesus Christ and store them in our human spirit [memory] and ask the Holy Spirit to bring them to remembrance when a similar situation arises in our lives.

In this way the character that is stored in our human spirit [memory] that returns to God the Father at our physical death, will reflect that of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

There is an additional lesson we can learn from this situation, Jesus Christ practiced what He preached ... do we?