

Post-it Notes

As we grow older it seems that our memories start to go. The little gray cells can recall childhood events with clarity but forget the three things we needed to pick up at the grocery store on the way home from work.

In 1970 the basis for one of the world's greatest memory enhancing inventions was developed. A scientist named Spencer Silver was working in the 3M research laboratories to develop a super strong adhesive. Unfortunately, things did not go well and the adhesive he developed was not as strong as several other adhesives 3M had already developed. Although he had failed to develop a strong glue, he noted that objects that were glued together with his glue could be repeatedly separated and stuck back together. We fast forward four years and one of Silver's fellow researchers was singing in the choir at his church. He was using a number of little slips of paper as page markers to help him find the correct place in the hymnal. The page markers kept falling out of the hymnal and then he remembered the glue that wouldn't dry that Silver had developed 4 years before and used it to coat his little page markers. In 1980 after several more years of development, 3M offered for sale the most astounding invention of the century: The Post-it Note. Those of us that have these all over our desks and computer monitor all owe a debt of gratitude to Silver as we can carry Post-it Notes with us everywhere and hopefully not forget what those three important grocery items were...

As we look at the scriptures there are many times were we are admonished to remember:

1CH 16:12 "Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced..."

David wrote PS 63:6 "On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night."

Also, there are verses that record what happens when people don't remember:

PS 106:7 "When our fathers were in Egypt, they gave no thought to your miracles; they did not remember your many kindnesses, and they rebelled by the sea, the Red Sea."

His love was not just on paper but demonstrated for us as it reminds us in Romans 5:6-8:

"You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

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