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Patriot's Progress

Good Reading for students and friends of Patriot University



15 Attend Colorado Commencement Exercises

15 of this year's 64 graduates came to Colorado Springs (from Virginia, South Carolina, California, Indiana, Colorado and South Korea) for the cap and gown ceremonies on June 4.

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Some Things Are Worth Repeating!



Don't Knock Re-Runs!

My favorite TV shows are *Gunsmoke*, *The Waltons* and *The Andy Griffith Show*.

What do these shows have in common? They don't make them any more. So every time I view them I am watching re-runs.

Since Solomon in his wisdom reminded us that "there is nothing new under the sun," isn't it obvious that everything that is good has been around awhile? If we missed it the first time or have forgotten it, then it will be new to us now. And if it was valuable for us earlier it is probably worth repeating.

Reruns, repetition, recycling. Preachers and teachers do it all the time. And they do it intentionally. It's the way we learn. If a thing is worth hearing, it is worth hearing again.

Marvin Phillips wrote the following on the subject:

"Our hymnbooks contain about seven hundred songs. We consistently use about twenty of these. We can sing them from memory. But they describe the character and ministry of our church. And we can really belt them out! We like it better than new ones every time."

But there's a negative feeling about "repetition." Someone says, "I read a book on positive thinking *ONCE!*" Or, I've heard that speaker, or that speech before. That's like the lady who heard that sleeping on feathers would promote restful sleep...so she tried *one!*

Repetition in reading, hearing, viewing is like eating. You must eat more than one time. It's like bathing, you need to do it over and over!

In the Bible, the terms "remember," "remind" and "remembrance" appear almost three hundred times. The words carry with them the meaning of "returning to mind," "bringing back to conscious memory what had been there before." You see, we tend to forget. And yet we act on what we know; what is currently in our memory. Thus the need to recall, or to "remember again."

The Bible uses this form of teaching over and over again.

“Remember what the LORD thy God did unto Miriam by the way, after that ye were come forth out of Egypt.” (Deut. 24:9)

“I thank my God upon every remembrance of you” (Phil. 1:3).

Concerning the Lord’s Supper, Jesus said, “this do ye, as oft as ye drink *it*, in remembrance of me” (1 Cor. 11:25).

“But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed” (Gal. 1:8-9).

“Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed *is* not grievous, but for you *it is* safe” (Phil. 3:1).

“This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in *both* which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance” (2 Pet. 3:1).

Wow! That last verse really grabs you, doesn’t it? Repetition! Re-runs! Reminding yourself over and over again. This is the way to stimulate you to “wholesome thinking.” We could use lots more “wholesome thinking.” And the key is reminding yourself again and again! Re-runs!

When you think of it, re-runs are the best way of learning anything. Anyone who does anything well, has used repetition! One lady listened with rapt attention to a concert pianist! She later said to him, “I’d give half my life to be able to play as you do.” He replied, “Lady, that’s exactly what I did give!” Most of us who see the final product, do not realize the hours and years that were given to be able to perform flawlessly!

A professional athlete has literally given years of doing the same thing, over and over again, to acquire his skill. But it is also true with machinists, doctors, cooks and painters. In fact anyone who does anything well knows the path of routine. Re-runs!

A baby learns to walk through re-runs. There is that shaky “first step.” It’s exciting to parents, but would hardly win a medal in competition. There is a lot of wobbling and falling...a lot of getting up and trying again. Only after weeks of such trial and error can children master the art of walking.

And just think of that terrible ordeal of learning to “feed yourself!” Bill Cosby did a routine on the way babies eat. He figured it was a different method of nutrition. Mashed potatoes were patted on top of the head. Milk runs down the chin and into the stomach through the belly button.

Well, you get the picture! But the truth is, babies can only learn to eat properly by one method: “try and try again.” Re-runs!

It is said Thomas Edison tried approximately 10,000 experiments in an

effort to develop a filament that would hold a light. After about 3,000 of these, a reporter asked him, “How can you continue to try, after so many failures?” Edison hotly replied, “I’ve never failed in my life. I’ve already found 3,000 ways it can’t be done. I’m getting closer every day!” Re-runs!

By this same method we’ve come from the model-T to the Rolls Royce. From the Wright brothers’ first aircraft to spacecraft that land on the moon. We’ve come from the loin cloth to nice suits, from caves to cathedrals.

Many people worry because they can’t remember Scripture! It’s good to memorize Bible verses. But Jesus said, “Now you are *clean* by the word I have spoken” (John 15:3). So read it again and again. Even if you don’t memorize it, it will cleanse your heart and life.

Studies show that by the time you’ve heard a cassette recording seven times, you are already subconsciously thinking the way it has taught you. This has a powerful impact on your life. Reading or watching something several times can have the same impact.

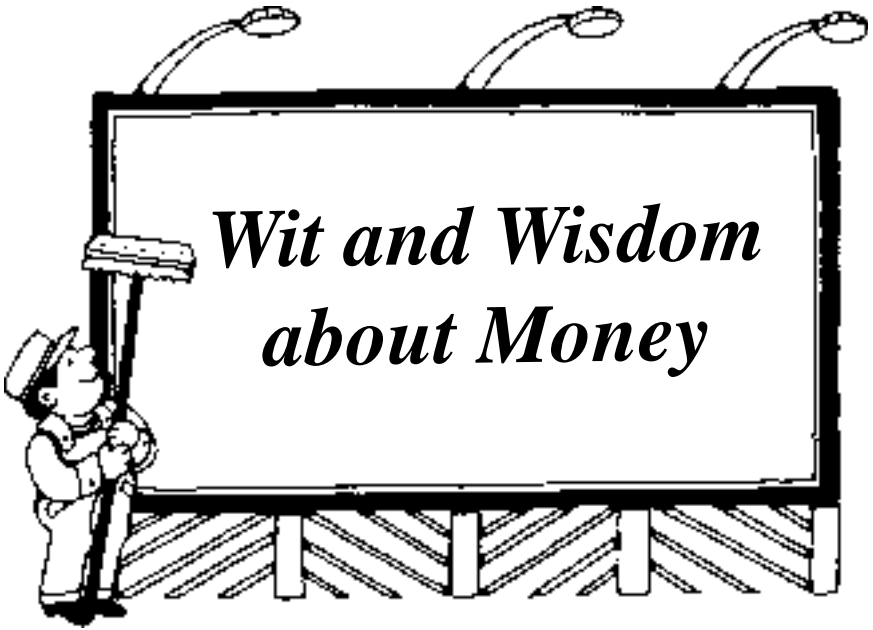
Warning: it has the same effect whether good or bad. (Seeing that McDonald’s commercial several times one evening may give someone a Big-Mac-Attack. That’s the idea behind commercials). So we should be very careful in the movies we choose to watch. The television shows we select. Even the books and magazines we buy. And especially in the company we keep. The Bible teaches us that “bad company corrupts good character” (see 1 Cor. 15:33).

But it naturally follows that if you carefully select the things you are going to do, read and view, you can control the direction and quality of your life. I therefore recommend regular church attendance, daily Bible study, and regular reading of books and listening to tapes that will bring out your best, and urge you to true success!

You say you’ve heard it all before? And tried it once? Well, if it was good, and something worth doing, do it again! Listen some more! Keep learning, for “as long as you’re green, you’ll grow, but when you’re ripe, you’ll rot!” Try another way! Set a newer and higher goal! Don’t quit! Persistence and repetition are the keys to success!

DON’T KNOCK RE-RUNS!

Your courses from Patriot University are designed to supply you with information and inspiration that you first read—then re-read—in a book or in your Bible. Then this material is reinforced when you go back and fill in the blanks in the workbook. In fact, all of our learning is based upon the repetition of key concepts. So, if you’ve heard or seen it before, perhaps God is ready for you to hear and see it again! —Dr. Lonnie Skinner



Every time you lend money to a friend you damage his memory.

Research indicates that most households tend to spend 10 percent more than their income, no matter what the income level.

The real measure of our wealth is how much we'd be worth if we lost all our money.
—*J.H. Jowett*

Money will buy a bed but not sleep; books but not brains; food but not appetite; finery but not beauty; a house but not a home; medicine but not health; luxuries but not culture; amusements but not happiness; religion but not salvation; a passport to everywhere but heaven.
—*The Voice In the Wilderness*

Before borrowing money from a friend, decide which you need more.
—*Addison H. Hallock*

What some millionaires have said about money:

I have made many millions, but they have brought me no happiness.
—*John W. Rockefeller*

The care of \$200,000,000 is enough to kill anyone. There is no pleasure in it. —*W.H. Vanderbilt*

I was happier when doing a mechanic's job.
—*Henry Ford*

I am the most miserable man on earth. —*John Jacob Astor*

Millionaires seldom smile. —*Andrew Carnegie*

It's About Time!



Don't we realize that we can't add to or subtract from our time?

You can't loan your time out for someone else to use. You can't say to a friend, "You're running short on time today? Here, take an hour from me. I'll just use the twenty-three hours left." No, each of us has twenty-four hours in a day, and how we use our time reflects our priorities.

If, for example, you put your mind in neutral for four hours daily in front of a television set, that reflects your value system. If you spend time in the Word of God, that reveals what you value as well.

In regard to managing time, not one verse of Scripture says, "Just do what comes naturally." The very opposite is true. Not only does Paul tell us in Ephesians 5:15-17 to make the most of our time, but Peter tells us to employ our spiritual gift (1 Peter 4:10). Use your time to serve others and get your eyes off yourself.

God brought you to birth at a certain time. He knows the exact time you will die. And He has a will for your time now. It is a sin to waste it.

In regard to the responsibility to manage time, there are some cautions.

Caution #1. In Ecclesiastes 3:1-11, where the familiar "there is a time ..." passage appears, no verse says, "And there is a time to do nothing." The opposite is also true. No verse says, "There is a time to run and hurry." The caution is to be balanced in time. And for some of us, this is extremely difficult. There are those who are workaholics, and there are those who are slothful. Neither is biblical.

The Ten Commandments emphasize balance in time: "Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work" (Ex. 20:9-10). Nothing in this passage talks about a four-day workweek. God didn't give us too much free time. Neither are we commanded to work seven days a week.

We are given a specific amount of time to work. And the days that we work should be productive. Of course, that does not necessarily mean that all six days are at a place of employment. Yard work, house work, and other labor is necessary.

Caution #2. Rest is important. The One who told us how long to work also told us to rest. And when we abuse His plan, we pay for it both physically and emotionally. Rest is a wonderful investment of time, as is work.

Caution #3. We are cautioned not to think, I can get saved any time I want. Remember how Felix (Acts 24:22-27) said he might be saved at a more convenient time. That's all the Bible tells us about Felix's response to the gospel.

Caution #4. Don't overlook the timesaving power of prayer. Prayer is like a compass. It gives direction. God already knows every second of your day. He already knows every interruption. He already knows every crisis. Through prayer, He is giving you directions through your own personal minefield. None of it is hidden from Him.

—Charles Stanley



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I am opening a Christian youth camp for inner city young people here in eastern North Carolina. I know that the Lord is going to use this ministry to reach many kids that would have slipped through the cracks of the local churches. Patriot will play a part in reaching these souls. God has used you to help prepare me for His perfect work in my life. Thank You!

Larry Husdon, Jr.

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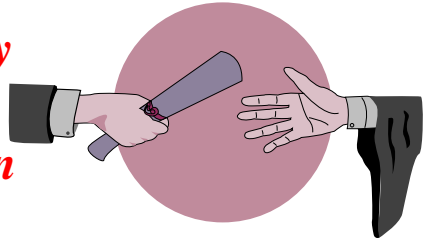
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