

Reminders

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, won God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Look

Reminders of various sorts help us every day. Grocery lists, traffic signs, a special piece of jewelry or an alarm on your phone are some examples. We use them to help us remember all kinds of things. Many of these are temporary but a few stick around to provide a continual reminder.

1. What are some simple reminders that you depend on every day?
2. What is an enduring reminder you have of something very personal?
3. How has this enduring reminder's potency has changed over time?

Book

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Paul wrote this portion of the letter as much to Timothy as to the church in Ephesus. Paul wanted to encourage them. However Paul knew that what they needed was more than just an encouraging letter.

1. In what way is this passage a set of reminders rather than just encouragement?
2. When put into practice, which of these qualities and actions would help strengthen the quality of that church community?
3. Which of Paul's reminders here strikes you the most personally?

Took

Reminders are definitely helpful, but it sometimes takes persistence and patience: Persistence when it's difficult to keep focused, and patience when a reminder starts to become frustrating. These aspects are especially important when we are acting as faithful reminders for each other.

1. Why is it important for each of us to be reminders of a life in Christ within our own communities?
2. Describe what can happen to a community when its members cease their faithful reminders to each other.
3. Which of Paul's reminders can you embody best this week as a communal reminder to those around you?