

Joshua 1:8b, Review: Theology of Neurology: Inventory of Neural Network; Principles on Bible Study & Bible Class

XIII. The Lord's Running Inventory of Your Neural Network:

- 1- As Head of the Church, Jesus Christ keeps track of a running inventory of your wheel-tracks.
- 2- He knows all that is knowable including the amount of doctrine successfully replicated into your soul.
- 3- This inventory is made possible by His ability to read your neural printout.
- 4- We are able to document this both biblically and scientifically. First of all the corrected and expanded translation of our Lord's comments to the members of the church at Thyatira in:

Revelation 2:23b - "... I [**Christ**] am He Who constantly inventories the emotions [νεφρός: "**reins**" or "**kidneys**"; **TXL: emotions**] and the stream of consciousness [καρδία: "**heart**"], and I will impose punishment to each one of you according to your production from the Cosmic System.

- 5- Scientists often stumble upon biblical truths and then consider themselves to be on the cutting edge of research whenever they do so. Yet they only unwittingly discover facts which have been revealed in Scripture for millennia. Such was the case for:

Restak, Richard M. *Brainscapes*. New York: Hyperion, 1995; p. 38:

In contrast to earlier thinking about the brain, most neuroscientists now believe the organ remains malleable throughout life. Each thought and behavior is embedded within the circuitry of the neurons, and ... neuronal activity accompanying ... an experience, persists in the form of reverberating neuronal circuits, which become more strongly defined with repetition. Thus habits and other forms of memory may consist of the establishment of permanent ... neuronal circuits. **At least in theory, all that we are and all that we have done could be read by an observer capable of deciphering the connections and circuits that have been established within our 50 billion nerve cells.**

- 6- According to Revelation 2:23 our Lord is the Observer capable of pulling this inventory.
- 7- Believers in the Church Age have been given a divine system to inculcate divine thought into their streams of consciousness and record them on the soul's hard disk called the brain and stored inside its neural network.
- 8- Old Testament saints didn't have this sophisticated a system. But they did have a system.
- 9- The Lord instructed Joshua to study, learn, and memorize the Word for guidance in thought, decision, and action as governor of Israel.
- 10- And the system Joshua used was the spiritual life of his dispensation, the faith-rest drill.
- 11- Joshua 1:8 is the Lord's instruction to Joshua to utilize that system to learn doctrine.

Joshua 1:8 - [CTL] "This book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth but you shall facilitate its content day and night ..."

PRINCIPLES:

- 1- We have learned from this verse that the ultimate purpose for Bible study is not only its inculcation but also its application.

- 2- Because of the imprecise scholarship of some in Protestant Christianity it is not uncommon for some to confuse salvation passages with reward passages.
- 3- In other words, passages which speak of loss of rewards for not making application of doctrine are misinterpreted as warnings that salvation may be lost if works are not performed.
- 4- Those who understand that salvation is gained only through faith alone in Christ alone reject the notion that salvation is by means of works.
- 5- However, the believer who subscribes to grace salvation often makes the same mistake as the confused believer just mentioned but in a converse way.
- 6- Some conclude that since salvation cannot be by works that all works are legalistic and therefore not a part of grace.
- 7- This is gross error and leads to antinomianism. Salvation is by grace. Rewards are the result of advance in the plan of God from inculcation to the application of doctrine to man and circumstance through confidence and courage.
- 8- Bible *study* is for the believer only. The unbeliever cannot understand its content, its context, its syntax, or its purposes.
- 9- Bible *study* is designed to alter wheel-tracks of wickedness and to facilitate wheel-tracks of righteousness.
- 10- Bible *study* is designed to inculcate divine standards into the stream of consciousness so that they might regulate us.
- 11- Thus Bible *class* is an ongoing obligation paid to God for the purpose of more consistent obedience to His mandates.
- 12- Obedience is the issue and requires a mental attitude adjustment to the principle that God is in charge and we are His servants.
- 13- Therefore, Bible *class* is designed to inculcate the information through accurate communication of doctrine.

- 14- Personal Bible *study* is mandated for facilitation of that information into one's stream of consciousness so that it becomes a path of least resistance.
- 15- The end result desired by God is that under pressure the believer will through confidence and courage habitually draw upon the Word in the management and regulation of his daily life.