

A New Way of Thinking

Say this aloud “ if our thoughts are not updated, our life will be outdated.”

The truth of reality is that you can't expect your life to change without changing the way you think. How you think is linked to your future.

“I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” - Romans 12:1,2

- Don't allow the world to influence you, instead change your destiny by renewing your mind so that you can know and prove what the perfect will of God is for your life
- Why should you renew your mind?

In Is. 55:7-9 *“Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth so are my ways higher than your ways and My thoughts higher than your thoughts.”*

- God tells the unrighteous to forsake their thoughts. Why? Because God's thoughts are not our thoughts and his thoughts are higher than our thoughts.
- What are God's thoughts? In Jer. 29:11, God says *“for I know the thoughts that I have for you, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.”*
- God wants you to have his good thoughts about you in your mind. Forsake all negative thoughts and lies that people may try to sow into your life and start today embracing the truth of what God has to say about you. Listen God doesn't have evil thoughts toward you but good thoughts that He may give you a future and a hope.
- Today if you will embrace God's word about you, you too will have a positive attitude and out look on life because you know the truth of how God feels about you and you have divine insight as to the plans that God has for you.

EXAMPLES OF SATAN'S THOUGHTS BEING PLANTED

Lets look of at a couple of examples in Scripture of people who have bought into the trickery of the enemy

1. *John 13:2* “And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas to betray him” v27 “Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him (Judas).”

- *Look what happened to Judas; satan dropped a thought into his heart and mind to betray his close friend Jesus. As you continue to read the rest of the story it says that satan entered Judas later. Why was this possible? This was possible because*



- Judas chose to meditate upon that evil thought to the point that it became apart of him and it was something that he felt he had to do.*
- Matt. 15:18,19 “But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart and they defile a man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, and blasphemies.” ----*Understand this spiritual principle that your thoughts become your words, your words become your actions and actions bring about habits and then eventually you get character leading to destiny.*
 - *You can't change your destiny until you first changed your mind.*
2. *Luke 24:37,38 “they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. And He said to them, ‘why do doubts (thoughts) arise in your hearts (minds).’”*
- *The Scripture says that they were terrified. Where did this terror come from? It came from thoughts they let into their hearts. These thoughts were allowed to arise and create tormenting fear.*
 - *If negative thoughts are not dealt with in your life they will eventually become planted into your heart. If they become planted they will eventually grow. Once they have grown inside you they will lead to 1) a change in character and 2) sinful living (the habit of practicing bad and unhealthy things leading to destruction).*

There are 3 things we need to do in order to renew our mind:

1. Always Meditate

“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.” Psalm 1:1-3

“This book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous and then you will have good success.” Joshua 1:8

- A renewed mind is a mind that is stable and bound for success.
- Meditation on God's word will produces a renewed mind.
- God promises to make our way prosperous when we meditate on His word.

2. Continue to Sow

“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.” Galatians 6:7,8

“Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, noble, just, pure, lovely, of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—think on these things.” Phil.4:8

- We must be careful to deposit the right things into our hearts because we are what we eat or we reap what we sow.
- Sowing love will reap love and sowing hate will reap hate.



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- Last week we learned that we must be careful to guard our minds so that lies and deception will not creep in and corrupt us.
- If we will start sowing the Word of God we will reap righteousness and prosperity.
- 1 Peter 1:23 says “...*having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever.*”
- 1 Thess. 2:13 says this about the word of God when it is received “...*the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.*”

3. Stay Focus

“You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you because he trusts you.”

Is. 26:3

- We must stay focus by consistently keeping our minds stayed on God.
- If we keep our minds stayed on Him, God promises to keep us in perfect peace. The word shalom is the Hebrew word for perfect peace (nothing broken or lacking.)
- Shalom = peace, completeness, soundness, health, harmonious state of the soul
- In Col. 3:2, God says to “*set your mind on things above not on things of the earth.*”
- In Matt. 6:34 “Do not worry (or think) about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things.”

How do we stay focus?

- Phil. 4:7 “Be anxious (thoughts of worry) for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and mind through Christ Jesus.”
- Remember: keep your mind on God and He will guard your heart and mind for you. This is the part that I love; He will give us peace that surpasses all understanding.



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