

TRANSFORM THE WAY YOU THINK



The 5 Thinking Strategies
That Will Change Your Life In Jesus Christ

Week 5

RENEW YOUR MIND WITH CREATIVE THINKING

*⁴⁻⁵ Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that. Don't be impressed with yourself. Don't compare yourself with others. Each of you must take responsibility for doing the **CREATIVE** best you can with your own life.*

(GALATIANS 6:4-5) MESSAGE



RENEW YOUR MIND WITH CREATIVE THINKING

1 Kings 3:5-12

(This passage of Scripture is taken from several English translations to give deeper meaning and insight)

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⁹ Please give me a **wise, discerning**, and **understanding mind** and a **hearing heart** so that I can govern, lead, and judge your people well and know the difference between right and wrong. For who is able to govern and lead this great people of yours?

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1 Renew Your Mind With **CREATIVE** Thinking By _____
Yourself Before God And Admitting Your Need For His Help!

1 KINGS 3:5-8

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WHAT IS CREATIVE THINKING?

CREATIVE THINKING is a way of looking at problems or situations from a fresh perspective that suggests unconventional solutions.

THE UNCONVENTIONAL SOLUTION ALWAYS STARTS WITH SEEKING GOD AND HUMBLING ONESELF!

CREATIVE THINKING IS

SEEKING YOUR CREATOR'S HELP!

²⁸ Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The Lord is the everlasting God, the **CREATOR** of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding. ²⁹ He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless... ³¹ But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength... (Isaiah 40:28-31) NLT

²⁹ But if from there you **SEEK** the Lord your God, you will find him if you **SEEK** him with all your heart and with all your soul. (Deuteronomy 4:29) NIV

¹⁷ I love those who love me, and those who **SEEK** me find me. (Proverbs 8:17) NIV

CREATIVE THINKING IS

BEING HUMBLE & ADMITTING YOUR LIMITATIONS!

² When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with **HUMILITY** comes wisdom. (Proverbs 11:2) NIV

¹² Before a downfall the heart is haughty (*proud and arrogant*), but **HUMILITY** comes before honor. (Proverbs 18:12) NIV

²³ Pride ends in humiliation, while **HUMILITY** brings honor. (Proverbs 29:23) NLT

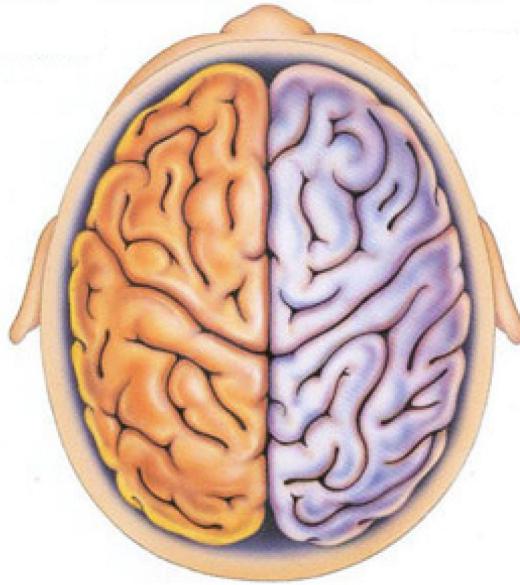
¹⁰ **HUMBLE** yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor. (James 4:10) NLT

⁶ So **HUMBLE** yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. (1Peter 5:6) NLT



CRITICAL THINKING

- Detail / Fact Oriented
- Reading / Phonics / Language / Talking
- Auditory / Listening
- Likes the "PARTS" before the "WHOLE"
- Logical
- Numbers
- Time-Oriented
- Doesn't Like to Take Risks
- Looks for Differences
- Rules / Definitions
- Asks "HOW" More Often than "WHY"



CREATIVE THINKING

- Likes Shapes / Patterns
- Singing / Music / Theater / Arts
- Visualizations
- Likes to See the "WHOLE" Picture
- Emotional
- Colors
- Active
- Willing to Take Risks
- Finds Similarities
- Thoughts / Emotions
- Asks "WHY" More Often than "HOW"

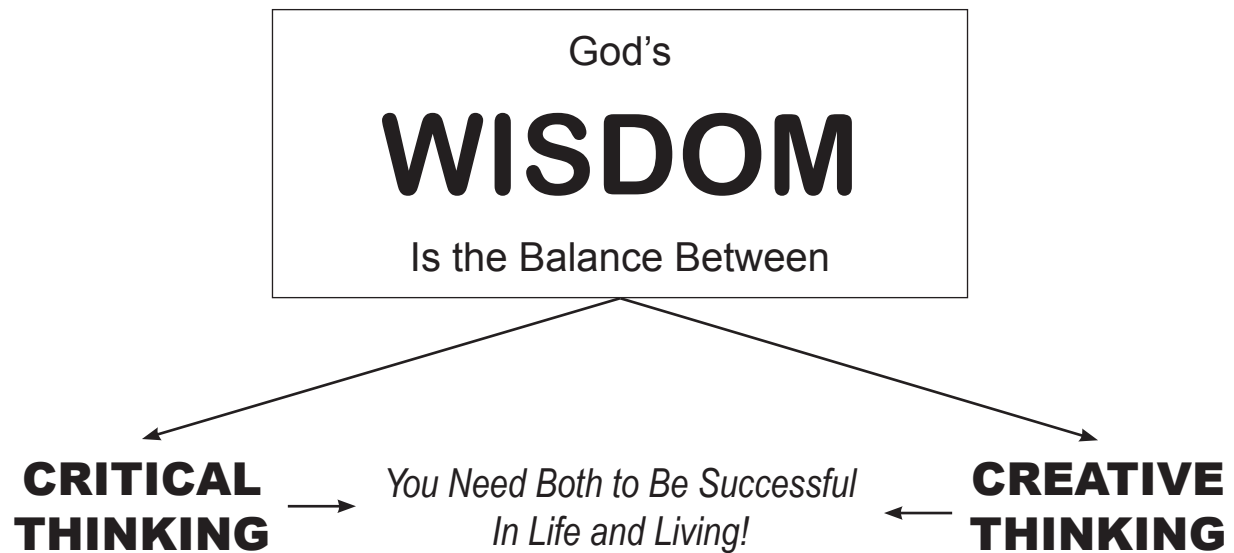
2 Renew Your Mind With **CREATIVE** Thinking By _____
God For Wisdom!

1 KINGS 3:9

⁹ Please give me a **wise, discerning, and understanding mind** and a **hearing heart** so that I can govern, lead, and judge your people well and know the difference between right and wrong. For who is able to govern and lead this great people of yours?

⁵ **If any of you lacks WISDOM, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.** (James 1:5) NIV (Also see James 4:2b-3) Check your motives!

WHY PRAY FOR GOD'S WISDOM?



King Solomon Renders Justice with God's Wisdom:

²³ Then the king said, "Let's get the facts straight. Both of you claim the living child is yours, and each says that the dead one belongs to the other. ²⁴ All right, bring me a sword." So a sword was brought to the king. ²⁵ Then he said, "Cut the living child in two, and give half to one woman and half to the other!" ²⁶ **Then the woman who was the real mother of the living child, and who loved him very much, cried out, "Oh no, my lord! Give her the child—please do not kill him!"** But the other woman said, "All right, he will be neither yours nor mine; divide him between us!" ²⁷ Then the king said, "Do not kill the child, but give him to the woman who wants him to live, for she is his mother!" ²⁸ **When all Israel heard the king's decision, the people were in awe of the king, for they saw the wisdom God had given him for RENDERING JUSTICE.**

(1 Kings 3:23-28) NLT

King Solomon Writes Creatively with God's Wisdom:

²⁹ God gave Solomon very great wisdom and understanding, and knowledge as vast as the sands of the sea-shore... ³² **He composed some 3,000 proverbs and wrote 1,005 songs.** ³³ He could speak with authority about all kinds of plants, from the great cedar of Lebanon to the tiny hyssop that grows from cracks in a wall. He could also speak about animals, birds, small creatures, and fish. ³⁴ And kings from every nation sent their ambassadors to listen to the wisdom of Solomon. (1 Kings 4:29-34) NLT

King Solomon Established His Building Projects with God's Wisdom:

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2 Renew Your Mind With **CREATIVE** Thinking By **ASKING** God For Wisdom!

- *(Review, meditate and pray)* What did God teach you from this section of the study?
- Journal your thoughts and emotions about **ASKING** God for wisdom in your personal life.
- Share one lesson or insight you will apply and practice in your personal life.



3 Renew Your Mind With **CREATIVE** Thinking By _____ _____ In Applying God's Wisdom In All Areas of Life!

1 KINGS 3:10-12

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Life Application Study Bible Notes

*God's wisdom comes in two ways: it is a God-given gift to those who ask Him and it is also the result of an **energetic search**. God gives it only to those **who earnestly seek it**.*

*Because God's wisdom is hidden from the rebellious and foolish, **it takes effort to find it and use it**. The **pathway to wisdom is strenuous**.*

*When we are on the path, we discover that true wisdom is God's and that **he will guide us and reward our sincere and persistent search**. (Proverbs 2:3-6)*

GOD'S STRATEGY FOR WISDOM

PROVERBS 2:1-6



¹ My (child), if you **accept** my words

- **RECEIVE**

and **store up** my commands within you,

- **MEMORIZE**

² **turning your ear** to wisdom and **applying your heart** to understanding—

- **MEDITATE**

³ indeed, if you **call out** for insight and **cry aloud** for understanding,

- **PRAY**

⁴ and if you **look for it** as for silver and **search for it** as for hidden treasure,

- **STUDY**

⁵ **THEN** you will **understand** the fear of the Lord and **find** the knowledge of God.

⁶ For the Lord gives **wisdom**; from his mouth come **knowledge** and **understanding**.

