

“Think Like Jesus” #2

1 Corinthians 2:14-16 *“The natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For ‘who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?’ But we have the mind of Christ.”*

Intro:

- Your thought life will either propel you forward into God’s best for your life, or it will hold you back from God’s best for you.
- Through the indwelling Spirit of God, you have the mind of Christ, to empower you in the thoughts of God.
- Today I want to give you the greatest secret, the #1 thought-transforming, life-empowering principle I’ve learned over 40 years.
- When it comes to the mind of Christ in me, the great weapon and mind-set you and I can have, and must have to be prevail and excel in life is...

Principle #1: “See Yourself The Way The Father Sees You”

Matthew 3:16-17 *“When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”*

- One of the greatest revelations Jesus had was this one.
- No doubt it was the foundation of His thought life and ministry.
- No matter who rejected Him, was against Him, or for Him, the heavens were open to Him, the Spirit was with Him, and the Father’s approving voice propelled Him
- This is what the Father is saying to you
- This is what the Father is doing for you...
 - Heaven is open to you, not closed.
 - The Spirit of God is with you, not against you.
 - The Father approves of you, is pleased with you, loves you.
- The first thing you should train your mind to think in this Morning, and every morning is...*“The Father is with me, for me, leading me, and will never leave me.”*
- This the truth, our Heaven Father wants you to see and fully understand.
- What a comfort this thought was for Jesus every day. *“The Father approves me, is pleased with me, loves me, will never leave me, will always lead me.”*
- This is the mind of Christ!
 - This is the truth about you!

- Any thought that contradicts this must be cast down!
- Sometimes your mind feels like a battlefield.
- That's just the old way of thinking trying to fight for its life.
- What is the old way of thinking?
 - ***Ephesians 4:17-18 "This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart."***
- The battlefield of your mind is now destined to become a fruitful field of faith in God (not doubt), courage for God (not fear), hope and love (not dread and frustration).
- You have the mind of Christ!
- You are not bound by the old futile way of stinking thinking.
- Your understanding is not darkened by spiritual ignorance and blindness, or the influence of this culture.
- You are now full of revelation and transformation from.
- You have the word of God, life of God, the power of God, the light of God, the wisdom of God through the Spirit of God who dwells in you!
- The same Holy Spirit that dwelt in Christ, empowered Him, led Him, and raised Him from the dead dwells in you!

Examples:

The Apostle Paul could have never accomplished what he did for God without the mind-set of the... *"Father approves me, is pleased with me, loves me, will never leave me, and He is always leading me."*

- This is the truth about you!
- This is the mind of Christ in you!
- Any thought that contradicts this holy truth must be cast down.
- When the apostle Paul felt alone, rejected, frustrated he was comforted by this life-empowering thought... *"The Father approves me, is pleased with me, loves me, will never leave me, will always lead me."*

2 Timothy 4:16-18 *"At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them. But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and that all the Gentiles might hear. Also I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!"*

- You and I could never muster enough courage, love, confidence to do the will of God in our life, in the community, through this Church without knowing the mindset of... *"The Father is with me, for me, leading me, and will never leave me, He will always lead me."*

Story of Sherel Hoyer: “Deliverance of the demon possessed girl”

- You and I must see ourselves the way the Father sees us!
- You are sons and daughters of God’s light in the darkness!
- You are just not a little flickering flame on a candle, easily blown out.
- You are a raging fire for God, consuming and pushing back the demons and darkness!
- This is the way the Father sees you.

1 Thessalonians 5:5 “You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.”

- This is what He calls you **“Sons & Daughter of Light”!**
- Satan and his demons do not see what you see in the mirror.
- You are priests of the Most High God!
- You clothed in the Father’s fiery light, filled with His fiery love!

Story of Elisha and his servant: “Open His Eyes Lord”

- The King of Syria made war with Israel but had to get rid of Elisha.
- The Prophet Elisha was exposing his war plans against Israel.
- The King of Syria surrounded Elisha with 1000’s of troops
- Elisha saw himself the way God saw him.
- Elisha had trained his mind to see the truth!
- Elisha’s servant only saw the army of Syria. **2 Kings 5:15 “Alas, my master! What shall we do?”**
- Elisha said, **“Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, ‘Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.’ Then the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.” 2 Kings 5:16-17**
- No weapon, sickness, lie formed against you can prosper
- Elisha saw Himself surrounded by angles not armies!
- Elisha knew a secret about God.
- Perhaps the greatest secret of possessing a Christ-like mindset and living a victorious life... *“The Father is with me, for me, leading me, and will never leave me, He will always lead me.*

Concluding Thoughts:

- To become a surgeon, you must train your mind
- To become a lawyer, entrepreneur you must educate your mind
- It’s the same process for Christians... to think the way Jesus wants you to think you must train your thought processes, educate mind, and press into a new and living way of thinking, speaking, living that pleases your Heavenly Father.
- We must see ourselves the way the Father sees us...

- In Ephesians 4:17 we see that Believers are to put on the “Helmet of Salvation” as an important part of the armor of God.
- The Helmet of Salvation is just not for protection, it is for transformation of your thought life.
- You and I must engrain this in our thought process everyday... *“The Father approves of me, is with me, for me, leading me, and will never leave me, He will always lead me.*

Declaration:

- Heavenly Father, Thank you for the power of the new birth!
- Thank you for saving me, transforming me, and filling me with power.
- I no longer will live my life by my old futile thoughts and sinful nature.
- I will live my life according to how you see me, and your Divine Nature.
- I am child of light! A flame in the darkness that cannot be extinguished.
- My mind is not darkened, my mind is redeemed.
- Thank you that I have your thoughts, your words, Spirit inside me.
- I have the mind of Christ, the revelation of Christ, the light of Christ.
- Thank you for transforming my thought life and transforming my everyday life.
- I will never be the same! In Jesus Name! Amen!