

May 20, 2018
Pentecost Sunday

*John 14:16-17 (NIV) And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever – ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and **will be in you**.*

Experiencing God Through Our Thoughts

1. Pray for God to give you his thoughts.

Our thoughts are not always God's thoughts.

Isaiah 55:8 (NIV) ⁸ "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord.

James 1:5 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.

2. Examine your thoughts to be sure they are from God.

Matthew 16:13-27 NIV

Test the spirits – Be Discerning

Proverbs 15:14 NIV The discerning heart seeks knowledge

1 John 4:1 NIV "Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God..."

3. Write down what you feel God is saying. Share with Others.

Mark 4:15 NLT The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message, only to have Satan come at once and take it away.

*1 Thessalonians 5:21 NLT but test everything that is said. **Hold on to what is good.***

4. Act on the Thoughts when you sense they are from God.

*1 Peter 1:13 NASB "Therefore, prepare your **minds** for action..."*

James 1:22 NIV Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

Homework

Pray for God to give you His thoughts.

Write down what you think he might be saying to you.

Share your thoughts with others for confirmation.

Act on the thoughts that you felt were from God.

Prayer

Lord, please let me get your thoughts, help me discern which of my thoughts are from you and which are not.. Please confirm those that are from you and give me the courage and strength to act on your thoughts for me. In Jesus name.