

Changing Our Thinking

Sermon on the Mount Series — Part 9

Matthew 6:24–34

Key Truth: If we're going to change the way we live, Christ must change the way we think.

I. Choose Your Master

Matthew 6:24

Jesus makes it simple: **we cannot serve two masters.**

Sooner or later, we have to decide who will govern our lives, our decisions, and even our thoughts.

Choose your Master today.

Notes:

II. Consider What You're Thinking About

Matthew 6:25–30

Jesus points directly at the things that consume our thoughts:

- **My life**
- **My food**
- **My clothes**
- **My physical needs**
- **My future**

Then Jesus says, in essence, **look around.**

Consider God's creation.

Consider the birds.

Consider the lilies.

If God cares for His creation, **why wouldn't I trust Him to care for me?**

Solomon's Testimony

Solomon possessed wealth, wisdom, beauty, and abundance—and concluded that pursuing more of this world was **vanity**.

His final conclusion?

“Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.”

— Ecclesiastes 12:13

Stop thinking about what you don't have and start thinking about the God you already have.

Notes:

III. Change the Way You Think

Matthew 6:31–32

Jesus says, **“Take no thought...”**

Worry keeps my mind focused on what **might happen**.

Faith keeps my mind focused on **Who God is**.

The world spends its life pursuing what it can eat, wear, possess, and experience.

Jesus calls us to think differently.

Changed thinking produces changed living.

Notes:

IV. Change the One You Seek

Matthew 6:33

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness...”

What Is the Kingdom of God?

- It is **spiritual**, not merely physical. — Matthew 12:22–28
- It is available to **sinners**. — Matthew 21:28–32
- It is **God's gift**, whether man receives or rejects it. — Matthew 21:42–44

Jesus doesn't tell us to seek everything we need and then fit Him in.

Seek HIM first.

When the One I seek changes, **what I value changes with Him.**

Notes:

V. Think About Jesus — TODAY

Matthew 6:34

Don't live tomorrow before it gets here.

Jesus told Zacchaeus, **"Today I must abide at thy house."**

Jesus told the thief, **"Today shalt thou be with me in paradise."**

So Today...

- **Seek Jesus.**
- **Seek to know Him more.**
- **Seek to show Him more.**
- **Seek to help others know Him.**
- **Give today to the Lord.**

"This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

— Psalm 118:24

How Do We Change Our Thinking?

Romans 12:1–2

There is only **One Way.**

Present yourself to God.

Stop allowing this world to shape your thinking.

Allow Christ to transform you through the **renewing of your mind.**

Don't be CONFORMED. Be TRANSFORMED.

Take It Home

What am I thinking about?

Who am I seeking?

Who am I serving?

Am I worried about tomorrow—or walking with Jesus TODAY?

Final Thought

If we're going to change the way we think, we've got to change Who our thoughts are centered on.