

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?

Think About What You're Thinking

4-11-21

1. My thoughts control my _____, but _____ can control my thoughts!

Proverbs 23:7 - For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. NKJV

Proverbs 4:23 - **Be careful what you think** about because **your thoughts run your life!** (NCV)

Proverbs 23:7 - ...your life **is shaped** by your thoughts. TEV

Two important truths:

- Life is determined by what you think.
- You have a choice of what you think.

*So ask yourself: Do I really want to think about this right now?

2. Any change I want in my life must _____ in my mind.

Romans 12:2 - Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Romans 12:2 - Do not **conform** yourselves to the standards of this world, but **let God transform you inwardly** by a **complete change of your mind.** TEV

Matthew 5:8 - "You're blessed when you **get your inside world**—your mind and heart—**put right.** THEN you can see God in the outside world." (MSG)

3. I can change how I _____ by changing how I think.

Psalm 42:6 - David: "My heart is breaking, so I **TURN my thoughts to God.**"
(TEV)

Jonah 2:7 - When my soul fainted upon me [crushing me], I earnestly and seriously remembered the Lord; and my prayer came to You, into Your holy temple. AMP

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4. An unseen _____ is going on in and for my mind.

Romans 7:21-23 - So I find this law at work: When **I want to do good, evil is right there with me.** ²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in the members of my body, **waging war** against the law of **my mind** and **making me a prisoner** of the law of **sin** at work within my members.

5. To _____ the battle in and for my mind, I must _____
God's spirit & God's word inside me.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 - While we live in the world, we don't fight the same way the world does. We fight with God's weapons, not worldly ones. ⁴ **Our weapons have God's power** to demolish the **enemy's strong places.** ⁵ We can knock down all the worldly arguments and prideful defenses that set themselves up (in our minds) against the knowledge of God. In this war, **we capture every rebel thought** and we make it give up, and obey Christ!

Two Weapons:

- You need God's spirit _____ of you.

Romans 8:6-7- The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; ⁷ the sinful mind is hostile to God.

- You need the _____ inside of you.

John 8:31-32- To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

6. My goal is to learn to think like _____.

- We WILL look at that next week.

Philippians 2:5- Your thoughts and attitudes must be the same as that of Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 2:16- We have the mind of Christ!

Next Step:

Come back next week and for the rest of the series.