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To be said out loud the word of God over your mind each and every day

Our Mind is the Mind of Christ

Hear the word of God: Our Mind/Our Thoughts: What does God say?

We must prepare it for Action

Part I.

[Matthew 22:37](#) ESV / 65 helpful votes

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind

[Mark 12:30](#) ESV / 6 helpful votes

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

[.Proverbs 4:20-23](#) ESV / 25 helpful votes

My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.

[Ephesians 4:23](#) ESV / 21 helpful votes

And to be renewed in the spirit of your minds,

[1 Peter 1:13](#) ESV / 7 helpful votes

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Phil. 4:8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Is. 26:3 You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

II Cor. 10:3-6 For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.

[Philippians 4:4-9](#) ESV / 410 helpful votes [2 Corinthians 10:4-5](#) ESV / 51 helpful votes

For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,

[Philippians 4:13](#) ESV / 48 helpful votes

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

[2 Corinthians 4:4](#) ESV / 41 helpful votes

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

[Psalm 139:23-24](#) ESV / 28 helpful votes

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

[Romans 12:1-2](#) ESV / 199 helpful votes

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

[Philippians 2:5](#) ESV / 172 helpful votes

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

[Jeremiah 33:3](#) ESV / 143 helpful votes

Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.

[2 Corinthians 10:5](#) ESV / 139 helpful votes

We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ

[Ephesians 4:22-24](#) ESV / 133 helpful votes

To put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

[Romans 7:25](#)

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin

[1 Corinthians 2:11-16](#) ESV / 76 helpful votes

For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one.

[Colossians 3:2-5](#) ESV / 74 helpful votes

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

[Proverbs 3:5](#) ESV / 73 helpful votes

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

Part II.

Our Brain/Our Mind: What is inside? What is going on inside of it?

Brain

Your Brain is your most powerful organ, yet weighs only about 3 pounds.

1. Cerebrum

- Fills up most of your skull.
- Involves Remembering,
- Involves Problem solving
- Involves Thinking
- Involves Feeling and controls movement

2. Cerebellum

- Sits at the back of your head
- Under the cerebrum
- It controls coordination and balance.

3. Brain Stem

- Sits beneath your cerebrum in front of your cerebellum.
- It connects the brain to the spinal cord
- Control automatic functions such as Breathing, digestion, heart rate and blood pressure.

The Word of God reminds us how valuable our minds are-We have the mind of Christ.

I Cor. 2:16

¹⁶"For who has known the mind of the Lord

that he may instruct him?"^[a] **But we have the mind of Christ.** NIV

¹⁶ For, “Who can know the LORD’s thoughts?

Who knows enough to teach him?”^[a] But we understand these things, for we have **the mind of Christ**. NLT

Part III.

Let’s Study together: Our Mind

God told Joshua: Joshua 1:8:

“Study this Book of the Law continually. Meditate on it day and night so you may be sure to obey all that is written in it. Only then will you succeed.” We know leadership and success comes when we meditate and fill our minds on God’s word.

“I will study your commands and reflect on your ways” Ps. 119:15: Let’s make a declaration to study God’s word as the Psalms teaches. As we do, our minds will reflect His ways of doing things.

A. I wonder have we opened ourselves up to the attacks of the enemy.

The word of God reminds us: John 10:10

¹⁰The thief comes only to **steal and kill and destroy**; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. NIV

¹⁰ The thief’s purpose is to **steal and kill and destroy**. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. NLT

B. The Mind battle of Alzheimer: No one wants to talk about it-but we must! If you know anybody that this message could benefit, don’t you dare keep it to yourself. We must get back to God and His ways of doing things.

As Gene and I are in our senior years and going strong for the Lord, we praise God for strong minds and bodies. We praise God every morning that He wakes us up clothed and in our right mind. But the bible teaches us: “not to be ignorant of Satan’s devices,” and you should not be either. We want to continue to fight the good fight of faith. That means we must be “Alert and Informed” on what the enemy’s plans and plots are.

I believe it is a Mind game of Rebellion and Disobedience in our fallen world. That is why we must be committed to obeying God at all cost, filling

our minds with the Word and teaching our children (to do the same) and the importance of Obedience. Let's go deeper.

C. Hear the word of the Lord about our Mind and what we should do and know

Romans 12:2

²Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. NIV

Romans 12: 2 **Don't copy the behavior** and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by **changing the way you think**. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. NLT

D. In these passages, conform means:

- to accommodate oneself to a model or pattern of behavior.
- To act in accord or harmony with a standard or norm
- To comply
- To be or become similar; to make similar in form or character
- To adapt, to agree; adjust

Example: Monkey see monkey do: We must remember, even apparent or superficial conformity to this present world system or any accommodation to its ways would be fatal to the Believer's life. Question? Are we guilty of conforming to this world?

E. We are to be "Transformers." Transform means:

- To change in form, appearance, or structure; metamorphose
- To change in condition, nature or character; to convert
- To increase or decrease

F. Question? Have we made changes in self and others?

We are to be about a Renewing process: Renewing refers to:

- To begin or take up again
- To make effective for an additional period
- To do again
- To revive; to modify; to reexamine; to restore; to make something the way it was-or even better.

Question? Are we in the renewing process?

G. The World

The World refers to “age:” to a godless system. We are not to accept the pattern of an age whose god is the Devil (2 Cor. 4:4). On the contrary, we are to be transformed by a renewed mind committed to the ideals of the kingdom of God. Prove means to test and to prove by practice in everyday life that God’s will for us is good and acceptance and perfect.

Part IV.

A. These passages reminds us of several key factors why we should fight for our mind:

1. We are called upon to offer/to bring our bodies, mind, soul and spirit to God so that He can use us for his work. We are called to follow God’s plan, and purpose for our life. As we do this, we will become a showcase to others of what God’s power can do. And as we grow, we will discover the joy and meaning that can be experienced when we offer our lives to God.
2. We are called to look at our strengths and weaknesses and help uncover our faults and confess them to God. Confession of sin, known/unknown; thoughts, deeds/actions, are not enough to enable the Believer to automatically walk in the Spirit. The Believer must become a yielded, surrendered instrument for God’s service. What do we surrender? Ourselves! See Rom. 6:13; James 4:7. Confess your faults, your weaknesses to God-to your loved ones.
3. Repent and turn away from the wrong and turn to God. Just do it! Don’t look around trying to blame others-just focus on Christ and His shed blood on the Cross.
4. This involves both body and mind. It is with the body that actions are conceived. It is the mind, which is carried out in the body. Then, this process must be presented by a decisive act of the will to God for His service. Yielding/Surrender must not be thought of as a willingness to do some a specific thing. Rather, it consists of a lifetime dedication to do whatever God commands.

5. Put simply, surrendered and yielding leads not only to dedication but also can result in separation: “do not be conformed to this world” Rom. 12:2. Since the world is resolutely opposed to God, one cannot revel in its lusts and at the same time do the will of God. I Jn. 2:15-17. The same word translated conformed here is translated “fashioning” in 1st Peter 1:14. So the concept of separation involves being “unfashionable” in spirit, thought, values, and actions according to the world’s standards.

6. Yielding/Surrender includes transformation of the mind. This work is said to be accomplished through a lifetime of “renewing” the mind. **Our human mind has been darkened by sin, (Rom 8:7; Col. 1:21) and must be brought to the place where it thinks as God thinks (Eph 4:23).**

B. This renewing process will come when we are committed to:

- Daily-Reading God’s word
- Meditating and Remembering God’s Word-
- Memorizing God’s word-scripture memory: Fill our mind with the word of God.
- Prayer-simply talking to God about others and yourself.
- Listening for Him to speak to us: Making a commitment to listen-quiet time-start off with just sitting in quiet mode for 5 minutes then increase
- Again be dedicated to prayer: Pray to God in everything (Phil 4:6) and through constant meditation on the word of God. This transformation is a lifelong process that will not be completed until we are with Christ.
- Write Scriptures on Index Card and read/memorize to spouse/friend: Have your children do it too.

Let’s pray

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your word that reminds me I have the mind of Christ. My Mind is clear and is washed in the precious powerful Blood of Jesus. Thank You that I can do all things through Christ who strengthen me because of my mind. I dedicate my mind to You. I offer my mind, soul and body to work for the service to advance Your Kingdom. Teach me Holy Spirit how to protect my mind, soul and body from the enemy’s attack. I claim my Victory now-in Jesus name. Amen.

