

We must be **aggressive** in **standing FOR the TRUTH of Scripture** and **AGAINST** the LIES of the enemy.

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### Set Not The Unclean Before Your Eyes

*"I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me." (Psalm 101:3)*

Yet another aspect of Christ-like thinking is to be careful regarding what you look at. For example, a person who views pornography, or constantly watches violence on TV or in games, or consistently seeks out carnal entertainment will be massively hindered in accessing and being led by the mind of Christ.

The old saying **"garbage in - garbage out"** appears to be Biblically accurate. We are told to meditate on God's Word and not to focus on ungodliness.

If we desire to have godly thoughts...we must not make allowance for ungodly images and desires.

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Make No Provision For the Flesh

*"But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and **make not provision for the flesh**, to fulfill the lusts thereof." (Romans 13:14)*

While this is the last point we will look at in this message, the Bible is replete with spiritual practices to help us "think right."

This method to aid us in thinking the way we should is the concept of avoiding situations and places where our carnal lusts can easily be fulfilled.

Avoid buffet restaurants if you have a problem with gluttony and lust for food! To refrain from gambling, stay away from casinos. God tells us not to get drunk; therefore, we should not give ourselves access to alcohol.

By not allowing ourselves to readily obtain the desires of our carnal nature, we will minimize the possibility of fulfilling those desires and make it more challenging to pursue sin.

In doing so, we will not be in the presence of wrong thinking stimuli; therefore, we are more likely to think like Christ when we minimize potential distractions.

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### Conclusion:

The bottom line is to keep your mind focused on Jesus and honoring God. Stay in the Bible, prayer, and godly fellowship. Do and dwell upon holy activities. Avoid all ungodliness. Don't even participate in things that "LOOK" evil.

*"Abstain from all appearance of evil."*

(1 Thessalonians 5:22)

Invite the Holy Spirit into the moments of your day. Ask Him for His power to make your thoughts and actions Christlike.

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# Stop Stinking Thinking - Part 2

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"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh." (Luke 6:45)

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In Part 1 of this series, we focused on the types of things that we are supposed to think about. The thoughts we dwell on will come out of our mouths and betray what is in our hearts.

This message will examine Scriptural methods for aligning our thinking with God's thinking and correcting wrong thinking. The Word of God is replete with valuable tools to win the battle in our minds.

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The Mind of Christ

"Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." (1 Corinthians 1:10)

"For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ." (1 Corinthians 2:16)

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"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:" (Philippians 2:5)

As believers, we have access to the mind of Christ. This concept is truly astonishing! Does this mean we can think like Jesus? Know what He knows? Defining the word "mind" will be an excellent place to begin. In the passages above, two different Greek words are translated as "mind." The following definitions are from the Strong's Concordance.

In the 1 Corinthians verses, "mind" is defined as: "...the intellect, i.e., mind (...in thought, feeling, or will); by implication, meaning..."

The definition of the word used in Philippians 2:5 is: "...to exercise the mind, i.e., entertain or have a sentiment or opinion...intensively, to interest oneself in (with concern or obedience)..."

Summarizing what it means to have the mind of Christ is that we can think, feel, and have a will in line with Jesus and diligently devote ourselves to being concerned with the things that interest Jesus.

Having the mind of Christ is to agree with Jesus.
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### Renew Your Mind

*"And be not **conformed** to this world: but be ye **transformed** by the **renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." (Romans 12:2)*

This verse delineates a sharp contrast in our thinking. Paul, writing to Roman followers of Jesus, says, "DON'T be like the world" and "DO be godly."

The Greek word translated "conformed" means:

"...to fashion alike, i.e., conform to the same pattern..."

While the word "transformed" is defined as: "...to transform (literally or figuratively, "metamorphose")..."

Renewing means: "...a renewal, renovation, complete change for the better..."

So, conforming to the world requires **no change. Compromise** will allow you to be molded into the world's image. Sadly, many Christians try to look as much like the world as they possibly can... without being lost.

Transformation is literally a **total change**. It is a **metamorphosis!** To be transformed is to be even more radically changed than from a caterpillar to a butterfly.

This change can only be brought about by a complete renovation of our minds. But first, as previously noted, we must fully and completely agree with Jesus!

But how is that possible? Easy! Agree with the Bible all the time. Don't agree with what you THINK the Bible says. Don't agree with what you WANT the Bible to say. Don't agree with what you hope the Bible says. Agree with what Scripture actually says.  
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Washing With The Water Of The Word

*"That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the **washing of water by the word**," (Ephesians 5:26)*

If you want a pure mind, you must allow the Holy Spirit to sanctify it and make it clean. The Bible is the soap that the Spirit of God uses for this purification process.

You should not expect to think like God when you don't know what God says.

Satan wants to keep you OUT of the Bible! Are you going to let the devil be victorious in your life? Will you

allow him to keep you in the filth that Jesus wants to save you from?

Remember, it is **frighteningly possible to neglect our great salvation and not escape.**

*"How shall we **escape**, if we **neglect** so great **salvation**; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;" (Hebrews 2:3)
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### Take Every Thought Captive

*"**Casting down** imaginations, and every **high thing** that **exalteth itself** against the knowledge of God, and bringing into **captivity every thought** to the **obedience of Christ**;" (2 Corinthians 10:5)*

All wisdom and knowledge of this world must not be relied upon as superior to Scripture. "Imaginations," by definition, is computation, conscience, and reasoning. In themselves, these are not evil. However, reliance upon them (especially over the Bible) leads to arrogance and conceit.

High things that exalt themselves against God are elevated places or barriers that lifts itself up against the Almighty. Science is an example of such a "high thing." Genuine science is not a problem. Every time genuine science is practiced, it supports Scripture. Haughty science, such as Darwinian evolution, leads to pompous arrogance.

We need to THROW these pseudo-intellectual fallacies to the ground. We must arrest this type of demonic thinking and subject our thought lives to Jesus.

Satan claimed that he would become like God. Embracing these types of boastful ideas is elevating ourselves and claiming we will be like God (although most don't verbalize it as the devil did.)