

**I. Why Are Our Thoughts So Important to God?**

1. What we think determines what we say and do
2. A thought is the father of every word
  - a. Every word that brings blessings to others
  - b. Every word that inspires and encourages
  - c. Every word that discourages and destroys
  - d. Every word that cultivates hate and hurt.
3. A thought is the father of every act
  - a. Every act of kindness and love
  - b. Every act of crime and violence
  - c. Every lustful and adulterous act
4. No wonder God is interested in what we choose to think about.

**II. Christians are to be transformed by the renewing of their mind.**

**Romans 12:2**

- a. A mind that is concerned with the perfect will of God.
- b. A mind that knows what is good and acceptable,  
according to the will and word of God.

**Philippians 2:1-5**

To have the mind of Christ, is to have the attitude of Christ.

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| a. <u>A mind that is full of the love of God.</u>        | <b>Luke 10:26, 27</b>         |
| b. <u>A mind that is void of anxiety.</u>                | <b>Luke 12:29-31</b>          |
| c. <u>A mind that is set on humility.</u>                | <b>Romans 12:16</b>           |
| d. <u>A mind that is in unity with fellow believers.</u> | <b>Romans 15:5, 6</b>         |
| e. <u>A mind that is willing.</u>                        | <b>2 Corinthians 8:12 NIV</b> |
| f. <u>A mind that is focused on its own business.</u>    | <b>1 Thessalonians 4:11</b>   |
| g. <u>A mind that is sound.</u>                          | <b>2 Timothy 1:7</b>          |

**III. How can we conform our thinking to God's will?**

1. Right thoughts come from hearts that are right with God. **Psalms 139:23-24**
2. We must confess our wrong thoughts to the Lord And be forgiven. **I John 1:9, 10**
3. We must choose mental input that produces good thoughts.
  - a. How much time do you spend taking in the Bible?  
In reading Christian books?

**Conclusion:**

- A. What does Christ find on Your mind Today?
  - B. What will you change, to have thoughts pleasing to God?
  - C. Will you Commit to Developing thought patterns of Praise?
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