

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Your Mind

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray: Brandon Nicholson had knee surgery recently, Darlene Smith, Wayne Ezell, and Peggy Beebe

Traveling/Working: Slope workers. Eddie and Susan are traveling. Tina Crawford is traveling

Radio Program: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program, Sundays at 9am, on 99.7 FM.

Today's Scripture: "But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." **Matthew 16:23 (ESV)**

Today's Wisdom: "2 Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and my mind." **Psalms 26:2 (ESV)**

Attendance Last Sunday: 80/43 Record: 107

For more detail, please go to the web site.

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God's Plan of Salvation

Hear	Romans 10:17
Believe	Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
Repent	Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
Confess	Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
Be Baptized	Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
Arise & Walk in Newness of Life	Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

—Romans 1:16 KJV

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Classes:	10AM
AM Worship:	11AM
PM Worship:	5PM

Wednesday:

Bible Study:	7PM
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Your Mind

Our mind is an amazing thing. With it we can create the kind and quality of life that is limited only by our willingness to conceive something as being possible. Franklin D. Roosevelt once stated “Men and Women are not prisoners of fate, but only prisoners of their own minds.” We utilize the power of our minds every second of every day. But we are all too often not aware of the power of our minds to create the life that we want.

David, in **Psalm 26:2 (NKJV)** said “Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; Try my mind and my heart.” He wanted God to look into his heart and his mind to see that he had walked in integrity and that wasn’t considering error. David knew that his mind was what would lead him to follow God or to abandon that path. Solomon also understood the power of the human mind. He wrote in **Proverbs 12:8 (ESV)** “A man is commended according to his good sense, but one of twisted mind is despised.” Later, Solomon continued to discuss the power of the human mind made this statement: The sacrifice of the wicked is abomination: how much more, when he bringeth it with a wicked mind? **Proverbs 21:27 (KJV)** Solomon understood that the human mind was something that could be used for evil and wickedness. So David and Solomon, in these verses, contrasted the power of our minds. David asked God to look into his mind and see that he was following God’s will, while Solomon was stating that the human mind had the capacity for extreme wickedness. In fact when God decided to destroy the world with a flood, Moses wrote “There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.” **Genesis 6:4-5 (KJV)** It didn’t matter how physically strong the men were, it didn’t matter how well respected they were by other men, what God measured was the condition of their minds. And their minds were so bad that “every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually”. Men and women both had become so depraved in their thoughts that God would say that they dwelt only on evil.

It is with our mind that we decide to praise God or reject him. We are told that Jesus said in **Matthew 22:37 (ESV)** “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.” He, of course, went on to say that this was the greatest commandment. If we love God with all our mind, there will be no room, nor time, for evil thoughts that Satan can use to separate us from God. Jesus also told us that we should never have a doubtful mind. In **Luke 12:29 (KJV)** Jesus tells us “And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.” When we allow doubt to enter our minds we begin to question the things that we ought to trust in. This is what happened to Peter when Jesus told him to get

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out of the boat and walk on the water (Matthew 14:22-33). In stead of trusting in Jesus, Peter began to look around and his mind convinced him that what he was doing was impossible. When he began to think that, he started to sink and it was then when Jesus told him that his faith was “little” and then Jesus asked him “why did you doubt”.

In **Acts 14:1-2 (KJV)** Luke tells us this: “And it came to pass in Iconium, that they went both together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a great multitude both of the Jews and also of the Greeks believed. But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles, and made their minds evil affected against the brethren.” It was the Jews that Luke says “stirred up the Gentiles, and made their minds evil”. And Paul tells us in **Romans 8:5 (ESV)** “For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.” So considering this we can allow others to influence our minds for evil or we can make the choice ourselves if we will think about worldly things or spiritual things.

Our minds are indeed powerful things. God gave us the freedom to choose for ourselves, He gave us a free will. And it is with our mind that we make that choice. But how do we direct our minds in the right direction. The key is what Paul told the Romans, “those who live according to the flesh set their minds on things of the flesh”. If we want to live a worldly life, we feed our minds with things of the world. We watch TV shows that have no restraint and that are based only on worldly subjects, we go to websites that are designed to direct our minds away from God and to the flesh and worldly actions. We read books that are designed to arouse our fleshly desires. But if we want to direct our minds toward the spiritual, we do the opposite. We read our Bibles rather than a “romance” novel. We visit websites that contain spiritually based articles. We watch TV shows that are wholesome and that teach moral lessons. It all boils down to what we feed our minds.

The question we must all answer, is are we setting our minds on the things of the flesh and this world or, are we setting them on the things of God and are we thinking about living in Heaven or living here on this world? Think about what Paul told the Corinthian Christians in **2 Corinthians 4:4-6 (ESV)** 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. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Is your mind blinded by the god of this world, or is it seeing the light of the glory of Jesus Christ? It is your choice, because God gave you a free will.