

(5) We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

- Arguments – thoughts that are in disagreement with God’s truth
- Pretensions – thoughts that deny the reality of God’s truth

### 3. Practice Thought Replacement

Philippians 4:8, NIV — “*Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things.*”

2 Peter 3:1, NIV — “... *I have written ... to stimulate you to wholesome thinking.*”

- In every situation, replace your thought with God's thought on the subject.

### 4. Daily Invite The Spirit To Fill Your Mind With God's Thoughts

Romans 8:6, NIV — “*The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace.*”

### 5. Think God's Thoughts

Psalm 139:17, NIV — “*How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!*”

### KEY AREAS TO THINK GOD'S THOUGHTS

- My Identity** — I am a child of God, accepted and loved by Him.
- My Value / Worth** — I am so valuable, that Jesus died for me personally.
- My Destiny** — I have a great destiny ahead of me, personally planned by God Himself.
- My Authority** — I have been given the authority of Christ, to do His works.

Isaiah 26:3, NIV — “*You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you.*”

### THE PROCESS TO CHANGE YOUR THINKING

Ephesians 4:22-24, CEV — “(22) *You were told that your foolish desires will destroy you and that you must give up your old way of life with all its bad habits. (23) Let the Spirit change your way of thinking (24) and make you into a new person.*”

Galatians 5:1, ESV — “(1) *For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.*”

## SOUL TRANSFORMATION

### Part 4 – Thinking God’s Thoughts

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### REVIEW

#### 1. Moving From Needs-Driven To Spirit-Led

Romans 8:13, NIV – “*For if you live according to the [flesh], you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.*”

#### 2. Entering Soul-Rest

Matthew 11:28-30, NIV – “*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.*”

#### 3. Embracing Transformation Through Trials

1 Peter 1:6,9, NIV – “(6) *In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials ... (9) for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*”

### DANGEROUS THINKING

Daniel 5:18,20-21, NIV – (18) “*... God gave... Nebuchadnezzar sovereignty and greatness and glory and splendor. ... (20) But when his heart became arrogant and hardened with pride, he was deposed from his royal throne and stripped of his glory. (21) He was driven away from people and given the mind of an animal; he lived with the wild donkeys and ate grass like cattle; and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven, until he acknowledged that the Most High God is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and sets over them anyone he wishes.*”

Romans 1:21,25,28-31, NIV – “(21) *For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile [foolish] ... (25) They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, ... (28) Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. (29) They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, (30) slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; (31) they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless.*”

- “Depraved” = “a mind which causes you to be disqualified”.

## THE POWER OF OUR THOUGHTS

### 1. Our Thinking Affects Our Feeling (Our Emotions)

**Peace** – Isaiah 26:3, NIV – “You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you.”

**Fear** – Luke 24:37, NIV – “They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost.”

**Terror** – Daniel 4:5, NIV – “I had a dream that made me afraid. As I was lying in my bed, the images and visions that passed through my mind terrified me.”

**Anxiety** – Psalm 139:23, NIV – “Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.”

### 2. Our Thinking Affects Our Speaking

Matthew 16:23, NIV – “Jesus turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind [in your thinking] the things of God, but the things of men.’”

### 3. Our Thinking Affects Our Acting

**Ungodliness** – Isaiah 32:6, NIV – “For the fool speaks folly, his mind is busy with evil: He practices ungodliness and spreads error ...”

**Evil Plans** – Ezekiel 38:10, NIV – “This is what the Sovereign LORD says: On that day thoughts will come into your mind and you will devise an evil scheme.”

**Ruin** – Isaiah 59:7, NIV – “... Their thoughts are evil thoughts; ruin and destruction mark their ways.”

**Worldly Living** – Ephesians 4:17, NIV – “So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking.”

### 4. Our Thinking Affects Our Motives

1 Timothy 6:5, NIV – “... men of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth and who think that godliness is a means to financial gain.”

### 5. Our Thinking Affects Our Self-Awareness

Galatians 6:3, NIV – “If anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.”

### 6. Our Thinking Affects Our Relationship With God

Romans 8:7, NIV — “The sinful mind is hostile to God It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.”

### 7. Our Thinking Affects Our Rewards

Jeremiah 17:10, NIV — “I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to his conduct, according to what his deeds deserve.”

### 8. Our Thinking Affects Our Destiny

Philippians 3:19, NIV — “Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things.”

### WHAT IS A DEPRAVED MIND?

Romans 1:28, NIV — “Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge [thoughts] of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done.”

Psalm 10:4, NIV — “In his pride the wicked does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God.”

☐ A depraved mind is simply a mind that has become empty of God's thoughts (truth), and so is at the mercy of worldly, evil, or destructive thoughts (lies).

### WHY IS GOD WHOLE?

Numbers 23:19, NIV — “God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?”

☐ God is whole because He has complete control over His thoughts, and therefore, He has complete control over His emotions and His actions.

### GOD'S REMEDY

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

### HOW DO WE RENEW OUR MIND?

#### 1. Choose To Love God With Your Thoughts

Mark 12:30, NIV — “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.”

#### 2. Refuse To Think Destructive Thoughts Any Longer

Isaiah 55:7, NIV — “Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts ...”

2 Corinthians 10:3-5, NIV — (3) For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. (4) The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.