

b) Using Imagination To Do The Works Of Jesus

- Ephesians 3:20, NRSV – (20) *Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.*
- KJV – “*Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all*”

c) Using Imagination To See The Results Of Jesus

5. Using Imagination For Receiving From God

a) Using Imagination To Receive A Way Out Of Temptation

- 1 Corinthians 10:13, NIV – (13) *... when you are tempted, he [God] will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.*

b) Using Imagination To Receive Wisdom In Specific Cases

- James 1:5, NIV – (5) *If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.*

c) Using Imagination To Receive Material Provision

- Philippians 4:19, NIV – (19) *And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.*

SUMMARY

- If the Bible says it's true, you can use your imagination to picture it!

THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF IMAGINATION

Part 3 – Positive Use Of Our Imagination

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REVIEW

1. Transformation Begins In Our Mind
2. We Determine Our Degree Of Transformation By The Thoughts We Think
3. Groups Of Thoughts Form Images Called “Strongholds”
4. The Prevalent Images In Our Minds Determine What We Believe To Be True

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE IMAGINATION

1. Worrisome/Anxious Imagination – Stress, exhaustion, hopelessness
2. Fearful Imagination – Openings for demonic activity
3. Speculative Imagination – Wrong judgments and expectations
4. Sexual/Soulical Imagination – Sexual addiction, adultery, soul ties
5. Obsessive Imagination – Corruption and violence

POSITIVE USE OF OUR IMAGINATION

1. Using Imagination For Gaining Wisdom / Understanding / Insight

a) Using Imagination For Wisdom

- Proverbs 6:6-7, NIV – (6) *Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! (7) *It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, (8) yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.**
- “Consider” = observe, see, view, regard, perceive, look, inspect, give attention to, gaze upon

b) Using Imagination For Understanding

- Luke 12:24, NIV – (24) *Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds!*

c) Using Imagination For Insight

- Galatians 3:6, NIV – (6) *Consider Abraham: “He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”*

2. Using Imagination For Identifying With Biblical Truth

a) Using Imagination For Understanding Biblical Truth

- Matthew 3:16-17, NIV – (16) *As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. (17) And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”*

- Imagine each scene
- Imagine each character
- Imagine each action
- Imagine yourself in the scene (either as an observer, or as one of the characters, if appropriate)

b) Using Imagination For Applying Biblical Truth

- Hebrews 10:24, NIV – (24) *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.*

c) Using Imagination For Experiencing Biblical Truth

- Romans 6:11, NIV – (11) *Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

3. Using Imagination For Building Our Faith

a) Using Imagination On What God Has Done

- Psalm 77:12, NIV (12) *I will meditate on all your works and consider all your mighty deeds.*

b) Using Imagination On What God Has Done Through Others

- Acts 3:6-8, NIV – (6) *Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” (7) Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. (8) He jumped to his feet and began to walk.*

c) Using Imagination On What God Can Do Through You

- Mark 16:17-18, NIV – (17) *And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; (18) they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.*
- If you can't imagine it, you won't do it

4. Using Imagination For Getting The Right Focus

a) Using Imagination To Be Like Jesus

- Romans 8:29, NASB – (29) *For whom He [God the Father] foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image [or likeness] of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren.*
- Colossians 3:9-10, NASB – (10) *Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its practices, (10) and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him.*