

IS JESUS THE LORD OF YOUR MIND?

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And be not conformed ... - The word rendered “conformed” properly means to put on the form, fashion, or appearance of another. It may refer to anything pertaining to the habit, manner, dress, style of living, etc., of others.

Php 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Php 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things.

THE MIND IS THE GATEWAY TO OUR LIVES

1. Seeing and hearing is the gateway to our mind.
2. Our Brains are incredible, the average brain weighs about three pounds, contains 12 billion cells, each of which is connected to 10,000 other brain cells, totaling 120 trillion brain connections.
3. They said at one time to invent a computer that would duplicate the capabilities of the Human brain; it would take a structure the size of the Empire State building just to house it.
4. Your Brain: Supervises everything you do, from the involuntary beat of your heart to the conscious decisions of life. It controls hearing, sight, smell, speech, eating, resting, learning, prejudices, and everything else that makes you behave as you do.

5. Scientists States: It is the most complex arrangement of matter in the universe.
6. Dr. Gehard Dirks, who holds 50 patents on I.B.M. computers has once said, “his inventive ideas have come through the studying the functions of the human brain.
7. Physiologists say: That 10,000 thoughts go through the human mind in one day, which are 3,650,000 a year.
8. The Mind is the faculty of meditation: “As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.”

SATAN’S TARGET – IS YOUR MIND

1. When Satan wanted to lead the first man, Adam and the first women, Eve into sin, he started attacking the women’s’ mind. This is made clear in scripture.

2Co 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

2. Satan’s attack today: Philosophy, vain deceit, after the traditions of men (human traditions of men), after the rudiments (Worlds crude notions).

Col 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

Col 2:9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

Col 2:10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

3. Satan will captivate your mind through: Impure thoughts, TV, Impure Internet Sites, Pornography, filthy literature, worldly music, drugs, immorality, love of ease, love of pleasure, too tired to go to church or read your Bible. He will try anything he can do to get your thoughts and mind off God and the things of God.

4. If Satan can get us to use are carnal mind to reason:

1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

1Co 2:15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

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

1Co 2:16

For who hath known ... The argument of Paul is this, “No one can understand God. No one can fully comprehend his plans, his feelings, his views, his designs. No one by nature, under the influence of sense and passion, is either disposed to investigate his truths, or loves them when they are revealed. But the Christian is influenced by God. He has his Spirit. He has the mind of Christ; who had the mind of God. He sympathizes with Christ; he has his

5. Carnal reasoning, only leads to confusion: Jesus said, “O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves?”(Matthew 16:8).
 - a. The Dictionary word for reason, which in the noun form as: underlying fact or motive that provides logical sense for a premise or occurrence.” Or the verb form “to think logically”.
 - b. What God lead a person to do does not always make logical sense to his carnal mind? His spirit may affirm it and His mind rejects it. Especially if it would be out of the ordinary or unpleasant to which it would require personal sacrifice or discomfort.

Isa 55:8 For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

Isa 55:9 For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

1Co 1:27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

1Co 1:28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, *yea*, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

1Co 1:29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.

THE WORLD WILL GIVE YOU A WASTED MIND

(The world through drugs, alcohol, sex (perversion), Satan can pollute your whole life.)

1. **The Hardened Mind:** Their minds were blinded or (hardened).

Heb 3:13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin; actual sin, which is a transgression of the law; every sin is of an hardening nature, and by being often committed, an habit is contracted, and a callousness brought upon the heart and conscience; or the corruption of nature, indwelling sin,

2. **Blinded Mind:**

Mat 13:15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and *their* ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and should understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

2Co 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

3. **Diluted Mind:**

2Th 2:10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

2Th 2:11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

2Th 2:12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

4. **Debased Mind:**

Rom 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

CHRISTIANS DEFENSE AGAINST THE ATTACKS OF THE MIND

Eph 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

1. **First:** “And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength, this is the first commandment” Mark 12:30.

2. **Second:** We must walk in the Spirit and let our minds dwell on spiritual things.

Col 3:2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

Col 3:3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Col 3:4 When Christ, *who is* our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

3. **If God doesn't get your mind, He doesn't get you!**

4. **Gird up the loins of your mind:**

1Pe 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

1Pe 1:14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

a. **Grid up the Mind:** Means to brace up your mind, get a hold of it. (Loose thinking may trip you up)

2Pe 2:18 For when they speak great swelling *words* of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, *through much* wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.

POSITIVE SIDE OF THE MIND

1. **Renewed:**

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2. **Pure Mind:**

2Pe 3:1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in *both* which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

The Pure in heart are going to see God (Matt. 5:8)

3. **Love Him with all your Minds:** (Luke 12:28)

4. **Law implanted in your Minds:** (Hebrews 8:10)

Heb 8:10 For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

5. **A Trained Mind:** (Gird up the loins of your mind)

6. **A Mind that Meditates in God's Word:** (Psalms 1:1-3; Psalms 119:97; Joshua 1:8).

Psa 19:14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

Isa 26:3 Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose* mind *is* stayed *on thee*: because he trusteth in thee.

Isa 26:4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH *is* everlasting strength: