

THOUGHT LIFE

To begin with, a lot of our trouble along any line commences with our thought life. A person is getting along normally, and then all of a sudden the devil – knowing where we are weak – steals into our mind with some thought that will suggest that we “enjoy the pleasures of the flesh, sin or self, for a season.” At first, the “idea”, thought or suggestion, doesn’t seem so wicked; but, as we linger over and brood upon it – letting our unsanctified imagination “feed” on it – before we realize it, our mind is filled with the desires of the carnal nature. Then if we entertain these desires born of wrong or sinful thoughts, we will soon be committing wrong actions. Naturally, we must “reap what we sow”.

If our thoughts are contrary to God’s Laws and Will, and we allow these thoughts to remain, instead of refusing, ignoring and denying them any place in our thinking, very soon they will be implanted in our mind. After this, the will acts to do the bidding of our fleshly mind. To our amazement, we have reaped an ungodly or perhaps sinful harvest.

No wonder the Bible says: *“As a man thinks in his heart, so is he.”* (Prov. 23:7) We need to fill our minds with thoughts that are according to Phil. 4:8. *“Whatsoever is not of faith is sin.”* (Rom.14:23) The Bible teaches us. And another verse answers our question about “THOUGHTS”. *“Thou will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusts in Thee.”* Isa. 26:3. And in Matt. 15:19 – *“For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These things which defile man.”*

In Matt. 22:37, we are told to *“Love THE LORD with all thy mind...”* Again in Rom 8:7, St Paul says: *“For the carnal mind is enmity against God.”* In Phil. 2:5, we are commanded: *“Let this mind be in you which is also in Christ Jesus.”* II Cor. 10:5 tells us *“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”*

Oh Let us pray and overcome every moment of every day until we come into the mind of Christ. It’s our only safe place – our only hope of fulfillment in Christ. We must “flee” to the “Hiding place” in Jesus, and let our thoughts be pleasing in His sight. Oh, let us examine ourselves – our thought, words, and actions – to see if we are keeping God’s Word and doing His Will!

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