

MASTERMIND *Change Your Thinking, Change Your Life*

Week One “Changed Heart, Changed Mind”

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Today we launch out on a great undertaking to “Change Our Thinking” because we believe that, if we change our thinking, it will “Change Our Life”.

God is a God of the heart and God is a God of the mind. One of our problems is that we surrender our heart to Jesus, but we don’t always surrender our mind and thoughts to Jesus.

We are saved but often we have some “*stinking thinking*”!

God wants to change your heart and change your mind.

Why is it so important that we change how we think? Why allow God to change our mind?

Our Thoughts Will Determine Our Actions Which Will Direct Our Lives.

Carefully **guard your thoughts** because they are the **source of true life**. Proverbs 4:23 (CEV)

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Our Goal... A Christ Like Mind

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But we have the mind of Christ.

Who Had Known the Mind of the Lord?

Isaiah tells us that God is **full of wisdom and understanding**. (Isaiah 40:28-31)

Isaiah 40:13-14 Who can fathom the Spirit of the Lord, or instruct the Lord as his counselor?

14 Whom did the Lord consult to enlighten him, and who taught him the right way?

Who was it that taught him knowledge, or showed him the path of understanding?

Isaiah 55:8-9 “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. 9 “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Romans 11:33-34 Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

34 “Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?”

1 Corinthian 2:16 “Who has known the mind of the Lord as to instruct him?”

But (Because of the enabling power of the Holy Spirit, as a Child of God) **we have the mind of Christ.**

We think His thoughts and truths found in His Word.

Why is God is concerned about changing your heart and your mind?

1. Prior to salvation your mind was **blinded** by **Satan**.

2 Corinthians 4:4 The god of this age has **blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.**

As a result of your thinking, you were an enemy of God.

Colossians 1:21 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. You were blinded from the truth so your mind and thoughts resulted in evil behavior.

2 Timothy 3:8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these teachers oppose the truth. **They are men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected.**

2. The condition of your mind is a direct reflection of your spiritual condition.

Romans 8:5 Those who live according to the flesh have their **minds set on** what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have **their minds set on** what the Spirit desires.

Titus 1:15-16 To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. **In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted.**

16 They claim to know God, but by their **actions** they deny him.

They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.

Mark 12:30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

3. What controls your mind will result in death or life and peace.

Romans 8:6 The mind governed by the flesh is death, but **the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.** Why?

Romans 8:7-8 The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. 8 Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

In **Revelation 2:18-23** look at one of the results of God bringing judgement upon the church of Thyatira. **Revelation 2:23b ...Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches heart and minds, and I will repay each of you according.**

4. Naive minds are easily deceived which leads to divisions.

Romans 16:17-18 I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. 18 For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery **they deceive the minds of naive people.**

2 Corinthians 11:3 But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, **your minds may somehow be led astray** from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

Mark 8:33 But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

Christ Jesus Will Redeem Your Mind as Well as Your Heart

Hebrews 8:10 This is the covenant I will establish with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in **their minds and write them on their hearts.**

I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Hebrews 10:16 "This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. **I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.**"

Matthew 4:17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Repent – Metanoeo-To Change your way of thinking

Strong's Concordance **metanoeó** (met-an-o-eh'-o): **to change one's mind or purpose.**

Jesus is saying, "I'm going to change your heart, but you've got to repent and change your way of thinking. Because if you don't, your old ways and actions will lead your life in the wrong direction.

BOLD NEXT STEP: I will allow the Holy Spirit to reveal any “stinking thinking” that I have. I will repent and change my way of thinking.

- Your new life in Christ includes having a new attitude in your mind.

Ephesians 4:22-24 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;

23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds;

24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

So, this putting off the old and putting on the new also includes your mind.

BOLD NEXT STEP: This week I will notice and take a note of what I think about. Do my thoughts tend to be Negative or Positive, Worried or Peaceful, Worldly or Eternal?

A right mind is prepared for action!

1 Peter 1:13 Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep a clear head, and set your hope completely on the grace to be given you when Jesus, the Messiah, is revealed.

This is what we are going to be doing in this series. We will learn how to prepare our minds for action! We are going to learn to keep a clear head. To distinguish between God’s truths and Satan’s lies.

- Next Sunday, we are going to have a Newcomers Social and learn about **WINNING THE WAR IN YOUR MIND**

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 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.

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.

- In Week Three, we are hosting a college lunch after the service and talking about **TRAINING YOUR MIND**. Scientists used to think that your brain stopped developing after adolescence, but now they understand that it is evolving, renewing, and continuing to change. Something that God’s word already taught us... **Romans 12:2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is —his good, pleasing and perfect will.**
- Then in Week Four, one of my favorite lessons in this series is **REFRAMING**.
 - *Reframing*: creating a different way of looking at a situation, person, or relationship by changing its meaning.
 - You can’t control what happens to you, but you can control how you frame it.

Then we will conclude this Master Mind Series with a Family Worship Sunday and learn the secret to a mind that experiences the **PEACE OF GOD**.

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WHY?

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