

How Christians Should Think

Text: Philippians 2:5

Christians need to guard their thought life. Let us look at some ways we can do that:

I. Think Pure Thoughts

... whatsoever things are pure... think on these things" (Phil.4:8).

- A. Many Christians allow themselves to indulge in impure thoughts.
- B. In his determination to defeat God's purpose, Satan bombards Christian minds with impure thoughts.
- C. We must be on the alert and with deliberate action, replace impure thoughts with pure ones. With practice this becomes easier to accomplish.

II. Think Positive Thoughts

whatsoever things are of good report... think on these things" (Phil. 4:8).

- A. Millions of Christians wrestle with negative thinking. Negativism is defeating.
- B. We need not be overcome. With God's help we can replace negative thoughts with positive assertions.
- C. When pessimistic thoughts come, by an act of the will, we should deliberately turn from them by looking for the good and not the bad.

III. Think Peaceful Thoughts

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts" (Col. 3:15).

- A. Evil and destructive forces have captured the imagination of our society. There remains little or no peace and quiet.
- B. Through prayer, praise, and trust in God, Christians can think peaceful thoughts.
- C. The promise is, "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:7).

IV. Think Purposeful Thoughts

"According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Eph. 3:11).

- A. Many people live with little or no purpose. They simply exist from day to day.
- B. God has a definite purpose for each of us. We must seek His guidance for our lives.
- C. Christ lived with purpose, so must we. If we seek and accomplish God's purpose in this life, we will live eternally in the next.