

*"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;" 2 Corinthians 10:5 KJV*



We glide through daily routine like robots, doing things the way our body decides at the moment. We get in the HABIT of doing things a particular way without considering the “good or evil” of it. Satan uses bad habits to interject the subtleties of impulsive sin. Did a thought ever “suddenly occur” to you? Of course, it has! It happens often in lively conversation when we say the first thing that pops into our head, proud of our wit, but hurting others without a second thought! Satan knows your weaknesses and plies your thoughts with what your body desires most! “Every thought” must be captured and measured against the “obedience of Christ.” In other words, thoughts must conform to God’s Word every moment. “*Thou shalt meditate therein day AND NIGHT, that thou mayest OBSERVE TO DO according to ALL that is written therein.*” When is the last time you dreamed of God’s Word? However, once formed, the habit of meditation becomes routine automatically. Do we really want to give Satan opportunity to interject his alternatives? God’s will for us is plainly revealed. There’s no need to pray about God’s will if we know God’s Word. Worry is unbelief; it thinks God incapable in your circumstances. Open God’s Word, commune with the Holy Spirit, and Do what He says. Are you unhappy? “*Happy are ye IF ye DO them.*” If you are disobedient, you will have trouble unless you repent! “*Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.*” We often let FEELINGS tell us we can’t trust God to handle things for our good even when He has promised and provided countless times before. “Every thought” means “every thought!” Worrisome, impulsive, habitual, and even those thoughts from trusted persons, should be “brought into captivity,” or subjected to the standard of God’s Word, before they become action. Once we act, it is impossible to “un-act!” By faith we trust the Holy Spirit to guide us into “all Truth,” but we will not hear His Voice if we neglect daily interaction with God’s Word! We must heed the “still small Voice of Truth” that speaks quietly in our thoughts amidst the cacophony of daily life. “*Be still and know that I am God!*” We must “*prove (qualify through doing) what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*” Get in the habit of letting scripture mold every word and deed. “*Pray without ceasing. Abstain from ALL APPEARANCE of evil.*” In other words; include God’s Word in every thought. Make it a habit!

Every thought must always be,  
Considered, oh, so carefully,  
By bringing it into the Light,  
To see if it is truly right. -CGP

When impulse controls thought and action, we hurt those we love and grieve the Holy Spirit. “*Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.*” The “mind of Christ” is the Word of God. We think in words and pictures. “*As he THINKETH in his heart so is he.*” Constant awareness of God and measuring every thought by His Word before acting are key to “pulling down...strongholds” of evil’s subtle impulsiveness! God’s Word tells us exactly what to think upon.

*"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." Philippians 4:8 KJV*