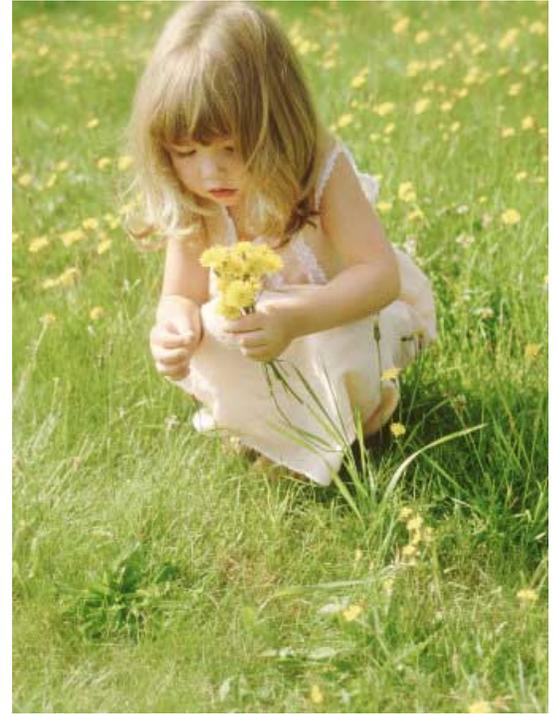


*“This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:” 2 Peter 3:1 KJV*

We separate, categorize, and compartmentalize life into different areas of thought, not realizing that we are even doing so. Work is one, family another, and so on. In so doing, we also put God’s Word into a “spiritual” box on our “mind shelf” until Sunday morning. We keep it, quite separate from the other areas where its presence might inhibit or prohibit some activities. I often found myself performing questionable tasks at work with the rationalization that it was “my job and out of my control,” but that was not really so. God will not hold my employer responsible for what I do, even if directed to do so. *“We ought to obey God rather than man.”* Then there’s these thoughts, “I’ll lose my job! God can’t take care of me and my family if I don’t work!” Really? We may not voice these attitudes, but our life reveals otherwise! We have comfortably put God in a box in our “thought cupboard” rather than giving Him His rightful position as KING! *“Let this mind (God’s Word) be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.”* The little word “let” indicates choice. We decide what mind we have; no one or nothing else. God’s Word says, *“He that ruleth his spirit [is better] than he that taketh a city. He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.”* If you do not decide your own mind, you are anyone’s servant! Until Truth is the deciding factor in every deed, we are merely “professors,” not really “true believers.” We are of the ilk that *“draw near...with their mouth, and with their lips do honour [God], but have removed their heart far from [Him], and their fear toward [Him] is taught by the precept of men.”* In other words, we allow human reason to dictate how we handle Truth, instead of the other way around: Purity is not the dominate attribute of our thought life. In fact, it seldom surfaces until church time or trouble comes! Does it ever dawn on us that trouble is the only way God gets our undivided attention? We break the first commandment every day, *“Thou shalt have no other gods before me.”* That which usurps my attention, directs my deeds, or holds my affection and love is my god! What “gods” do you have before God? The *“mind of Christ,”* God’s Word should rule our life, not the mind of care, need, and reaction!



The mind of Truth is mind of Christ,  
To ever, always do the right,  
Its trusting heart walks paths of Light,  
E’en though beset by darkest night! -CGP

Men think that to be able to satisfy their every desire is freedom, not realizing that by doing so, they serve a master who is never satisfied: SELF! *“Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.”* God’s Word must direct EVERY thought if you would be truly free! *“A double minded man is unstable in ALL his ways!”* Do you HOPE your decisions are right or do you KNOW they are? God’s Truth should reign regardless of perceived consequence! You must truly believe *“God shall supply all your need!”* Better a poor freeman than a puppet king!

*“Stand fast therefore in the Liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage (disobedience).” Galatians 5:1 KJV*