

## 031719 **Reboot:** “Rethink, Our House of Thought”

Foundation: Romans 12:1-3

Meditate on These Things

Phil 4:8-9

Our Mindset

**Our house of thought:** There is a general knowledge in most adult people, that the way we think is a product of a life of experiences, education and words that we have received into our lives.

**Our house of thought:** The Battlefield **“You are what you think, not what you think you are”**

1. Our Enemy Copycats. \_\_\_\_\_ **Play Catch.**

The Heat of the Battle: If we think of it in these situation, there was a tremendous amount of the thoughts, words, and experiences rattling around between those ears of ours. **My question today is in those types of scenarios how much of the relevant living Word of God were you able to apply?** How Much Going on between the ears?

2. What Are You Thinking?

There are times in this life that we find ourselves under pressure to make decisions that can change the direction and course of our lives.

We find ourselves in situations that would challenge us and we must use all the experiences that have shape us to walk through them.

We find ourselves in temptations in our warfare, an are not give into them or come under the dominion to them.

3. The Example of Jesus. \_\_\_\_\_ Luke 4:1-14

Jesus under attack. \_\_\_\_\_ When the devil threw a temptation, He can back with a relevant quote from scripture. **We find that Jesus, with one God thought,** was able to successfully overcome everything thrown at him.

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The situation Paul finds himself in.

The human mind will always set itself on something and Paul wished to be quite sure that the Philippians would set their minds on the right things. **This is something of the utmost importance, because it is a law of life that, if a man thinks on something often enough, he will come to the stage when he cannot stop thinking about it.** His thoughts will be quite literally in the groove out of which he cannot jerk himself. It is, therefore, of the first importance that a man should set his thoughts upon the fine things and here Paul makes a list of them. Paul states he’s learned...

**One Shovel at a Time, Rethinking is a life long profession.** Phil 4:8-9

**There are things which are true.** Many things in this world are deceptive and illusionary, promising what they can never perform, offering a special peace and happiness which they can never supply. A man should always set his thoughts on things which would not let him down.

**Whatever things are noble, honest, honorable, worthy.** So big of a word that it is difficult to translate. It is the word witches characteristically used of the gods and of the temples of gods. When used to describe a man, it describes a person who, as it has been said, moves throughout the world as if it were the temple of God. \_\_\_\_\_

There are things in this world which are flippant and cheap and attractive to the light minded, but it is on the things which are serious and dignified at the Christian should set their mind.

**Whatever is Just:** The Greeks defined the man who is just as he who gives to gods and to man what is there due. In other words, just is the word of **duty faced in duty done.** There are those who set their minds on pleasures, comforts and ease of the way. **The Christian thoughts are on duty to man and duty to God.**

**Whatever is pure:** It describes what is morally undefiled. When it is used ceremonially, it describes that which has been so cleaned that it is fit to be brought into the presence of God and used in his service. **This World is full of things which are soiled and shabby and rotten. Many a man gets his mind into such a state that it is soiled by everything which he thinks. The Christians mind is set on things which are so pure, clean that they can stand even the scrutiny of God.**

**Whatever is lovely, attractive, winsome:** Winsome is the best translation of all. **It is paraphrased as that which calls fourth love.**

**There are those** whose minds are so set on vengeance and punishment that they call forth bitterness and fear in others. **There are those** whose minds are so set on criticism and rebuke that they call forth resentment in others. The mind of the Christian is set on lovely things, kindness, sympathy, forbearance, so he is a person seen, whom to see is to love.

**Whatever is a good report, Gracious.** Whatever has a good name. It is not easy to get at the meaning of this word. It literally means fare speaking, but it was specially connected with the **holy silence** at the beginning of sacrifices in the presence of the gods. It might not be going to far to say that it describes the things which are fit for God to hear. **There are** far too many ugly words and false words and impure words in the world. On the lips and in the minds of the Christian there should be only words which are fit for God to hear.

**If there be any virtue. Excellence.** \_\_\_\_\_ And classical thought it describes every kind of excellence. It could describe the excellence of the ground in the field, of a tool for its purpose. The physical excellence of an animal, the excellence of the courage of a soldier, and the virtue of man. Think on your best life in its very highest, to spur you on to the new heights of Christian way. The world has its impurities but it has also its **Nobility's** and it's things to be admired. And it is of the high things that the Christian must think

**If there be any praise.** In one sense it is true that the Christian never thinks of the praise of man, but it in another sense it is true that every good man is uplifted by the praise of a good men. So Paul says that the Christian will live in such a way that he will neither desire or foolishly despise the praise of man. **The things that you have learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.** Phil 4:9  
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Our house of thought: How would you grade your thought life?

What Are You Thinking? When things seem to go wrong where do your thoughts run to?

Phil 4:8-9      Meditate on These Things      Each one can become a Chapter in your Life.

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- Things learned      Living
- Things received      =      growing
- Things heard
- Things seen      fruitful