

TRANSFORMATION THROUGH THINKING

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Thinking Makes A Man or Woman

“When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things” (I Corinthians 13:11). This passage shows that the thinking pattern a person manifests makes a distinction between an adult and a child. A person may be an adult in calendar age but as long as his / her thinking are childish s/he will behave and act like a child.

Have you ever been in a situation where an adult gives an opinion on something and after the discussion someone else who was party to the discussion makes a comment of the sort **“Just imagine how s/he thinks, I never knew s/he was so immature in thinking. Let’s**

leave her/him alone till s/he grows up. I no longer want to involve her/him in this venture because a person of such thinking will spoil things for you....”

A person is rated by his / her level of thinking. Your prospects in life revolves around your thinking. Doors of opportunity will either open for or close to you depending on your thinking pattern and level. Thinking influences actions and attracts results which reflects in your circumstances. Low level thinking will attract low level results. Mediocrity thinking will attract mediocre results. Childish thinking will produce childish results. Grasshopper thinking will never produce giant killers (Numbers 13 & 14). Sickly



“For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face...” (I Corinthians 13:12).

thinking will never produce a healthy life. Fearful thinking will never produce overcoming faith. What are your thoughts like? Remember that you cannot rise above the level of your thinking!

‘Coloured’ and Ruined by Thinking

“Unto the pure all things are pure; but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled” (Titus 1:15). This shows that a persons outlook in life, behaviour, actions and responses to situations can be

coloured by their underlying thinking. For instance if a person is filled by ‘demon’ thinking s/he might start binding ‘demons’ when visited by ‘angels’. Just imagine the ill treatment that Hanun rendered to David’s servant in return for His kindness just because of

wrong thinking (I Chronicles 19:1-19). The ensuing battles and destruction were simply occasioned by a misinterpretation of David’s kindness due to wrong thinking. Vain thinking deprives a soul of God’s free salvation and ruins him / her in hell fire (Jeremiah 4:14).

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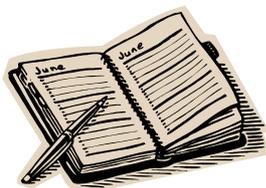
- You cannot rise above your level of thinking.
- Your outlook in life can be coloured by your underlying thinking.
- Secret evil thoughts will one day become open scandals
- The things that drives us to nuts may not necessarily be the words and actions of others but what we think about them.



The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein (Psalms 24:1)

Faulty and fearful thoughts leads to unwise decisions and unsound actions.

"Stand in awe, and sin not; commune with your own heart upon your bed and be still. Selah"
(Psalms 4:3).



This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to according to all that is written therein; for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success (Joshua 1:8).

The Invisible Link

Thoughts are the invisible links to decisions, attitudes and actions. They are like the invisible roots that supports and nurture a giant tree. **"Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled"** (Hebrews 12:15).

When a seed is sown, it first sends out roots before the shoot. In the germination process, the

roots are invisible and the presence of the plant obscured till the shoot springs up. Similarly, the tiny thoughts that are deep hidden in the heart will eventually find ways of outward expression if it is not nibbed in the bud.

Secret bad thoughts will one day become open scandals if not eliminated.

"And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth,

and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him at His heart. And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created...." (Genesis 6:5-7).

Are you grieving God by your thinking pattern? Is God regretting for giving you life on earth?

Changing Your circumstances by Thinking

The situation was bleak and the future hopeless but four lepers, through their thinking, made a difference to the whole city by becoming instruments through which divine intervention benefited the inhabitants of the city.

The famine was so intense that Israelites resorted to cannibalism (2 Kings 7). Elisha prophesied and God was moved into action but nobody believed the imminent divine interven-

tion. God had intervened, the armies from heaven were waiting to drive away the host of the enemies but the soldiers in Israel were too afraid to take a step of faith. God works in collaboration with man. He will do what man cannot do but He expects man to do that which he can (John 11:39-44). But who is going to bell the cat?

Well four lepers 'outside the camp' started thinking and they voiced out

their thinking **"Why sit we here till we die? If we say we will enter into the city, the famine is in the city, and we shall die there; and if we sit still here, we will die also. Now therefore come, and let us... And they rose up...."** (2 Kings 7:3-5). God used their footsteps of faith in response to right thinking to complete the victory and change their circumstances for the better for everyone.

Charting Your Future By Thinking

Right thinking will restore lost opportunities and chart a brilliant future for any individual who cares to use it. Judas Iscariot blew up his opportunities but could not use his thinking to regain divine favour. Peter on the other hand equally denied Christ but used his thinking to regain restoration to a healthy relationship with God. Many in the world today are

like the prodigal son who have blown away their golden opportunities. But there is hope of a better future if you will learn from, and emulate the example of the prodigal son.

"And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise, and go

to my father and will say unto him, Father I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and I am no more worthy to be called thy son; make me as one of thy hired servants. And he arose...." (Luke 15:17-20). He used his thinking to devise a workable strategy and implemented same to gain a better future. And so too can you!

Potential Losses Through Wrong Thinking

"But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, behold, I THOUGHT, he will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper... And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? How much rather then,

when he said to thee, wash and be clean?" (2 Kings 5:11, 13).

What made Naaman angry? It certainly was not what Elisha said but what HE THOUGHT about it. **The things that drives us to nuts may not necessarily be the words and actions of others but what we think about them.** And such reactions could potentially make us lose all of the blessings that are associated with calmness.

Naaman went away in rage after being given 'a recipe' for his desired healing. He potentially could have lost everything if not for the timely intervention of his wise servants who caused him to change his thinking.

Our thinking must change before the desired miracles can be experienced. God in his power is able to do all things but He can only reach us through our thinking.



I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit He taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it that it may bring forth more fruit" (John 15:1,2).

Lost Opportunity Through Thinking

A person with wrong thinking can lose the best of opportunities that life offers. **"And Samuel said, What hast thou done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash; Therefore, said I, the Philistines will come**

down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication unto the Lord; I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering. And Samuel said thou has done foolishly... thy kingdom shall not continue" (1 Samuel 13:11-14). Thinking can be significantly influenced by facts and circumstances and such influences can lead to wrong decision and

action. A person whose thinking are shaped by circumstances alone will often make blunders and lose many opportunities. On the other hand a person who uses thinking to influence and change circumstances has got the weapons to shape his / her destiny. Obviously, circumstances and facts could inform our thinking but our thinking should also shape our situations.

"Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation; he that believeth shall not make haste" (Isaiah 28:16)

Limited By Thoughts

"And the Lord said, behold, the people are one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do; and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have IMAGINED to do" (Genesis 11:6). This scripture highlights the fact that thinking in unity (or united thinking) produces limitless potentials and possibilities. However, the thinking must be in

line with divine plan if it is to receive divine blessings.

The limitless power of united thinking can be exploited through corporate prayers. **"Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven"** (Matthew

18:18). God answers not only according to what we say in prayer, but also according to our thoughts (Ephesians 3:20).

However, despite these potentials, man can limit God through wrong thinking **"... They limited the Holy one of Israel..."** because they **"...set not their heart aright..."** (Psalms 78:41,8).



The children of Ephraim, being armed, and carrying bows turned back in the day of battle (Psalm 78:9)

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**Think Big to
Live Great !**

Life is too short to waste on 'cockroach' thinking when God made you of the 'stock of eagles'. Your thought level will determine your level of achievement in life. The winners and losers are all set apart by their thinking.

1. Winning thinking produces winners.
2. Losing thinking produces losers.
3. Fearful / failure thinking produces fear and failure in life.
4. Confident thinking produces confident living.

You can be a winner. God created you to be a winner. Jesus died at Calvary to transform you into a winner for God. To be a winner you must stop thinking the thoughts of losers and start thinking the thoughts of God. At Victorious Christian Ministry, you will be helped through exposure to the undiluted word of God to transform not only your thinking but also your life for the better. Come thou with us and we will do thee good!



Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life (Proverbs 4:23).

“For as he thinketh in his heart so is he...” (Proverbs 23:7). Herein lies the secret to victory and defeat. This is a secret that can be used to man's advantage—by developing a healthy thought life that works to your advantage. ***“And be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed***

Developing A Healthy Thought Life

by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God” (Romans 12:2).

David applied this principle to his advantage ***“O how I love thy law? It is my meditation all day... I have more understanding than my teachers; for thy testimonies are my meditation”*** (Psalms 119:97,99). If our profiting must appear unto all, we cannot afford to neglect the succinct admonition ***“Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and***

those that hear thee” (I Timothy 4:15,16).

The word of God provides healthy diet to our thinking life. We should allow it to dwell richly in us (2 Timothy 2:15; Colossians 3:16) and influence everything we do. The Babelians (Genesis 5) could have had their way if not that their thoughts contradicted with divine plan. But where the word of God is central in our lives then our thinking will be in line with what is good and our possibilities will be limitless.

Think the thoughts of God. Let your horizons be expanded by divine possibilities. And never settle down for less than that for which God has opened your eyes to behold.