Prayer Notes

The Mind - Part 4

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The Word of God speaks much about the mind. The mind being the way one thinks, what they give attention to, and their intellect.

Proverbs 17:22 AMP

"A happy heart is good medicine and a joyful mind causes healing, But a broken spirit dries up the bones."

A joyful mind or KJV says "a merry heart is good like medicine".

Isaiah 44:20 AMP

"That kind of man (the idolater) feeds on ashes [and is satisfied with ashes]! A deceived mind has led him astray, so that he cannot save himself, or ask, "Is this thing [that I am holding] in my right hand not a lie?"

A deceived mind can't even recognize he's believing a lie. Notice what they fed on effected their mind.

Isaiah 44:20 KJV

"He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand?"

Romans 10:9-10 KJV

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. [10] For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

To believe in your heart is to be convinced, assured, or completely certain. At times, the heart and mind are interchangeable, but in this passage, the heart, or innermost being, is where to believe begins.

Romans 10:9-11 TPT

"And what is God's "living message"? It is the revelation of faith for salvation, which is the message that we preach. For if you publicly declare with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will experience salvation. [10] The heart that believes in him receives the gift of the righteousness of God—and then the mouth confesses, resulting in salvation. [11] For the Scriptures encourage us with these words: "Everyone who believes in him will never be disappointed."

2 Corinthians 10:5-6 KJV

"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; [6] And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled."

The head or mind directs the body.

It's pretty obvious that if you didn't have a head your body wouldn't work.

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2 Corinthians 10:5 TPT

"We can demolish every deceptive fantasy that opposes God and break through every arrogant attitude that is raised up in defiance of the true knowledge of God. We capture, like prisoners of war, every thought and insist that it bow in obedience to the Anointed One."

2 Corinthians 10:6 TPT

"Since we are armed with such dynamic weaponry, we stand ready to punish any trace of rebellion, as soon as you choose complete obedience."

We must cast down or demolish thoughts of rebellion or opposition to God's Word. If we don't do this the mind will lead the body astray.

Romans 12:2 KJV

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Romans 12:2 TPT

"Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you, but be inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit through a total reformation of how you think. This will empower you to discern God's will as you live a beautiful life, satisfying and perfect in his eyes."

How do we totally reform how we think? Three ways:

- 1. Study the Word
- 2. Believe the Word
- 3. Think about the Word

John 14:1,23,27 TPT

"Don't worry or surrender to your fear. For you've believed in God, now trust and believe in me also. [23] Jesus replied, "Loving me empowers you to obey my word. And my Father will love you so deeply that we will come to you and make you our dwelling place. [27] "I leave the gift of peace with you—my peace. Not the kind of fragile peace given by the world, but my perfect peace. Don't yield to fear or be troubled in your hearts—instead, be courageous!"

We don't yield to fear. Yielding to God's love empowers us to obey His Word, faith in God's Word.

"Faith is the victory, oh glorious victory, that overcomes the world." Song by John G. Yates 1891.

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Confess this:

"I think right: I know Gods Word. The Word is in my heart! I trust in God! My hope is in God." "I'm changed."

"I'm In Christ and old things are done away. I'm a new creature in Christ."

Waiting to Confess Jesus as Lord is a mistake. Waiting until you totally understand or have a revelation of God's Word to confess it keeps you from receiving from Him.

As we come up in the healing line and sense the power of God, (while sensing the power is great), it is FAITH that gives ACTION to the power.

We must see it for ourselves, see it with the eye of faith. We can confess "I believe when hands are laid on me or when hands were laid on me the power of God went in and it is causing an effect and a cure (even if you don't feel anything)."

Faith begins where the will of God is known. If you don't believe God's Word than you're believing something else. It's God's will. Our thoughts must line up with His Word. It's God's will to believe what God says. We have the mind of Christ. We have a sound disciplined mind.

A story was told which I will reword—

A man was confessing the Word, muttering to himself. A passerby overhearing, asked him "are you talking to yourself"? The man replied "I'll have you know one thing, I was talking to a gentleman". Haha, the passersby person shut right up.

Praise God! Talk right, think right, and believe right— each one is important.

We think, talk and believe right. We have a sound mind, a healthy mind, steady, and fixed on God's Word.

Amen Have a great week!

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