

Getting Rid of Our Stinking Thinking

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God's word clearly tells us that our own way of thinking is not of Him.

"For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." Romans 8:6

To use our own stinking thinking is death. **Is death!**

God tells us what we are to think about and what we are not to think about. What we are to do and what we are not to do and He tells us that we cannot use our own way of thinking to do this.

*Jeremiah 10:23 O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: **it is not in man** that walketh **to direct his steps**.*

What we are to think about: *"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. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you." Philippians 4:8-9*

Something could be true but is it praiseworthy? Is it of good report? Is it pure? If it doesn't fit all them, don't think on it. Take that thought captive and subject it to the obedience of Jesus Christ.

What we are not to think about: *"For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil." Romans 16:19*

Here we are told to be simple concerning evil. When you look this up in the original language the word simple (G185) is akeraios which means unmixed of the mind, without a mixture of evil, free from guile, innocent. Too often we are not innocent and know far too much about evil and the details of it. God wants us so innocent of the workings of evil that when evil comes along or presents itself we will be able to see that it is evil as clearly as we can see the color black from white. When we muddy the waters in partaking of the things of this world (evil), it skews our judgment to be able to truly recognize what is evil and what is not.



*Look closely at this picture.
A good bit of our stinking thinking,
comes in as seeds planted by this.
So, my advice to you is, "get your
head out of the toilet".*

Last week we looked at the definition of evil.

Noah Webster 1828 Dictionary

Evil

1. *Having bad qualities of a natural kind; mischievous; having qualities which tend to injury, or to produce mischief.*
2. *Having bad qualities of a moral kind; wicked; corrupt, perverse; wrong; as evil thoughts; evil deeds; evil speaking; and evil generation.*
3. *Unhappy; producing sorrow, distress, injury or calamity; as evil tidings; evil arrows; evil days.*

Moral evil is any deviation of a moral agent from the rules of conduct prescribed to him by God.

We must be simple concerning evil.

What we are to do: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

If you are asking God on a regular basis, where should I go, what should I do, what should I say, how should I dress, what should I eat... Then you are most likely not using carnal thinking on a regular basis and the Lord will be able to work through you to minister to others. Keep on the path and pray for the Lord to reveal to you where you are using stinking thinking.

For the rest of us get your head out of the garbage and put on the mind of Christ.

What we are not to do: The Commandments, Exodus 20:3-17 and others are summed up in what we should do that Jesus teaches "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself." Luke 10:27

But how are we to do this?

How are we to get rid of our stinking thinking?

We are to put on the mind of Christ.

"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

"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

We cannot be a friend of this world and its stinking way of thinking and be a friend of God. "... know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." James 4:4

Let's get rid of the carnal mind, the stinking thinking, and put on the mind of Christ.

Father I pray right now in the name of Jesus Christ for you to reveal to us where in our lives that we are directing our own paths, where we are carnally minded and where we are exalting anything above you oh Lord. We no longer want to be carnally minded but want our minds to be renewed constantly and we want Galatians 2:20 to be in whole and not part the truth about us. "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Let it be so Lord that it is no longer us but you living. Thank you Lord for changing us. Amen.

Bible Study

1. If we use our way of thinking, what will the result be? ([Romans 8:6](#))
2. Do we have the ability to direct our own lives? ([Jeremiah 10:23](#))
3. What kinds of things should we think about and/ or talk about? ([Philippians 4:8-9](#))
4. What are we to be wise about? ([Romans 16:19](#))
5. What are we to be ignorant about? ([Romans 16:19](#))
6. How are we to live every moment of everyday? ([Proverbs 3:5-6](#)) & ([Luke 10:27](#))
7. How can we get rid of our stinking thinking? ([Romans 12:2](#))
8. How are we to handle the stinking thinking that comes into our minds? ([2 Corinthians 10:5](#))
9. Can you be a friend of God and a friend to this world? ([James 4:4](#))