

What is the Mind and What does it do?

The Premise of the Mind: The Faculty of the immaterial part of man that gives him the ability to understand, to evaluate, to contemplate, to intend, and to imagine

I. The Practice of the Mind

- A. The mind ***deciphers*** - to understand or to grasp meaning
(Ecclesiastes 1:16)
- B. The mind ***discovers*** – to come to know, to become aware of
(Ecclesiastes 1:17-18)
- C. The mind ***defines*** – to interpret and set forth meaning
(Ecclesiastes 2:15-16)
- D. The mind ***deliberates*** – to consider carefully with detail
(Proverbs 24:30-32)
- E. The mind ***discerns*** – to distinguish between, to recognize, to identify
(Hebrews 5:14)
- F. The mind ***desires*** – to express a wish or longing for
(Ephesians 2:1-3)
- G. The mind ***devises*** – to set forth a plan or a set of ideas
(Proverbs 16:1,9)
- H. The mind ***decides*** – to make a choice or to determine a course of action
(Luke 16:3-4)
- I. The mind ***dreams*** – to imagine things that are not realized
(Daniel 4:5)

II. The Problem of the Mind

- A. The mind is ***tainted*** by sin
(Jeremiah 17:9)
- B. The mind is ***taunted*** by the sinful nature
(Romans 7:18-23)
- C. The mind is ***tricked*** by its own understandings apart from God
(Proverbs 14:12)
- D. The mind is ***tempted*** by its' own desires
(James 1:12-14)

III. The Perspective of the Mind (Romans 8:5- Romans 12)

- A. Human actions are ***determined*** by the inclinations of a person's mind.
(Luke 6:45)
- B. Whether a person does good or evil ***depends*** on the state of the person's mind.
(Luke 6:45)
- C. The state of the person's mind is ***decided*** by what controls the mind.
(Romans 8:5-8)
- D. The person whose mind is ***dominated*** by the flesh will practice evil deeds
(Romans 8:5-8)

- E. The person whose mind is ***directed*** by the Holy Spirit will practice godly deeds. (Romans 8:5-8)
- F. The person whose mind is ***deceived*** by the devil will be blinded to the truth of the gospel and not be able to see things according to God's perspective. (2Corinthians 4:3-4)
- G. The person whose mind is ***delivered*** by the truth will have power to make proper value judgments and to be spiritually discerning of good and evil, right and wrong, good or best. (1Corinthians 2:6-16)
- H. The person who is ***double-minded*** will live an unstable life because they know the truth but live as if they do not know (James 1:5-8)
- I. The person whose mind is ***developed*** in the truth will be able to know the will of God as revealed in God's Word. (Romans 12:2)