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TOPIC: “Can a Man Think Like God?”

We want to always be relevant as we teach on various topics, so on this evening we would like to talk about something that applies, and has connection to, all that we are experiencing at this time. So, the topic for this evening is, “**Can a Man Think Like God?**”

What is the “**key**” to living the Christian life? What should be our # 1 focus? If being successful on this Christian journey boils down to “**one**” thing (and it does), what would that “**one**” thing be?

FIRST FIVE STAR SENTENCE: The Christian journey is centered around one main thing: **YOUR MIND.**

It’s not fasting, speaking over yourself, binding the devil, witnessing or confessing. These are all essential, but are not the # 1 thing. These are simply “rail cars” or “box cars”,.... But the engine that pulls all of these along, is your **MIND.** These other “rail cars” will not (by themselves), get you where you need to be, unless they are attached and connected to your **MIND.**

QUESTION: What is it that you think about? *Do you and God think alike?* Our future hope and success is dependent upon our *intentional thinking.* We must move toward controlling our everyday thoughts.

1). II Corinthians 10:4-5- (vs. 4)- For the weapons of our warfare are not **carnal**, but mighty through God to the **pulling down** of strong holds;) **(vs. 5)- 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;

God’s goal is for us to be able to focus on and control our thinking.

When it comes to what you think about you have two choices:

1). Think Naturally or Carnally- To think on natural things.

2). Think Spiritually- To think on spiritual things.

a). Romans 8:6- For to be **carnally minded** is death; but to be **spiritually minded** is life and peace.

So, we have two options: We can think "**carnally**", or we can think "**spiritually**".

I. Natural (Carnal) Thinking

This is your best thinking. Your best reasoning. This is how you see it. When thinking naturally, you go with what you hear, see, feel and think. This is called being "**carnally minded**".

a). Romans 8:6a- For to be **carnally minded** is death;

When we "think" carnally, our "actions" will soon follow.

b). Hebrews 11:15- And truly, if they **had been mindful** of that country *from whence* they *came out*, they might have had opportunity to have **returned**.

Several things that contribute to carnal thinking is that we spend way too much time watching TV and on social media. The opposite of "good news" is "natural news". Often this is the first thing we do when we get up, and the last thing that we do when we lay down.

II. Spiritual Thinking

This is called and referred to as being "spiritually minded".

a). Romans 8:6b- but to be **spiritually minded** is life and peace.

Now, notice one of the main benefits, and an automatic result, of being spiritually minded.

b). **Isaiah 26:3**- Thou wilt keep him in **perfect peace**, whose **mind** is *stayed* on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Notice the results.... **“peace”**.

If we do something with our minds, we are guaranteed perfect peace. What should we do with our minds: **THINK!!! But the key question is, what should we think on?**

For this to freely operate, we must realize and know, that we already have “peace”. Why? Because it is a fruit of the Spirit.

1). Galatians 5:22- But the *fruit of the Spirit* is love, joy, **peace**, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

SECOND FIVE STAR SENTENCE: To be spiritually minded is to **think like God**.

You might be tempted to say, “I can’t think like God!”

a). **Philippians 2:5**- Let this **mind** be in **you**, which was **also** in **Christ Jesus**:

b). **I Corinthians 2:16b**- but **we** have the **mind of Christ**.

To have the mind of Christ, is to **think like God**. This simply means that we think on the things found in the Bible.

How do we learn to do this?

1). Romans 12:2- 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.

THIRD FIVE STAR SENTENCE: When you change your thinking (mind), and began to think like God and the Bible, you change your life.

