

Next Level Thinking Part 2 by Ps Larry Elliott

Creativity begins with the way you think.

No matter what you are currently able to do, thinking creatively can make you capable of more. When we take thinking to a creative level, it never dries up, the more you use the more you produce!

Last week:

Are thoughts important?

Learn to think Gods way

Why is good thinking important?

Today:

What is God thinking?

Believe

Let Peace Rule your life

The THINKING of an Amazing Father

Luke 15:12 NKJV "And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood.

Luke 15:17-18 NKJV "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you,

Luke 15:22-23 NKJV "But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry;

Luke 15:28-29 NKJV "But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends.

Luke 15:31 NKJV "And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours.'"

1. What is God Thinking (know His thoughts)

Jeremiah 29:11 KJV "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."

God knows His thoughts towards you, but do YOU know His thoughts towards you?

His thoughts are of PEACE and not of evil.

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His thoughts are to give you a FUTURE and a HOPE.

If we want God moving in our lives, we will have to get our thoughts of ourselves in LINE with His thoughts of us.

New Testament example of the same verse:

III John 1:2 NKJV “Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.”

- A. We start this process by ALIGNING our thoughts with everything that God declares about us. Accept His Word as your final authority.
- B. Embrace the finished work of Jesus and study your Inheritance Document (The BIBLE)

Ephesians 1:18-19 NKJV “the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power”

Dr. Norman Vincent Peal (best-selling Christian author of “The Power of Positive Thinking”)

In a real sense when we through our relationship with Jesus, learn to think God’s thoughts we begin in a deep way to channel His power into our character and personality.

The restriction of all your hopes and dreams is predominantly in your mind. The Bible clearly teaches that the battlefield is in your mind.

I Peter 1:13 NKJV Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;”

I Peter 1:3-4 NKJV “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

I Peter 1:6-7 NKJV In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

I Peter 1:9 NKJV receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.

We can and must learn to fight off wrong thinking and replace it with what God is thinking, accept the Word, AS the truth about who you are and will become!

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The story of the business and his grandma's Bible

Solomon, the wisest man in the Old Testament, said - a man's life is what His thoughts make it (Proverbs 23:7)

Ralph Waldo Emerson - declared "a man is what he thinks about all day."

2. Believe (Jesus and Yourself)

You must let the Word of God transform your belief system, because your beliefs support the way you think.

You cannot continue to consistently think something that you don't believe, it will create conflict and lead to discouragement, unbelief or other destructive emotions, even anger and resentment, and it produces confusion!

Which means your identity is not locked in yourself but in "who you are in Christ"

II Corinthians 5:17 NKJV "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

This leads to an inner confidence that you were created by God, in the IMAGE of God and you have tremendous potential.

You are DEEPLY LOVED & HIGHLY FAVOURED

In other words, have faith in the talent, abilities and gifting God has deposited into your life.

You cannot be happy and successful without a Humble but honest confidence that you can and will succeed.

Marcus Aurelius - You have power over your mind, not outside events. Realize this and you will find strength!

Personal thoughts of inferiority, inadequacy make you feel disqualified and will rob you of hope. But thinking positively and believing in Jesus develops confidence and will lead to a positive attitude, creativity and self-realization and therefore will stimulate HOPE.

Philippians 2:5-7NKJV "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men."

The real test of spiritual focus is being able to bring your mind and thoughts under control.

Is your mind focused on LACK or Christ's Complete Support of you fulfilling and becoming the best you can be?

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