

## THINK LIKE GOD THINKS by Jarrod Davidoff - September 8, 2019

If you want to live your purpose-filled life and be successful in it, there can be no greater advice I can give you other than thinking the way God thinks.

Because if you do just that and act on it, you will always make the right decisions.

Now because we don't often do that, we end up in the situations we are now in. God knew that and therefore gave us tools to be like Him.

Yes, God wants you to be like Him.

God created us to be in partnership with Him, to have dominion over the Earth, and to walk in partnership with Him. We see this in the Garden.

### **Genesis 1:26-28**

**[26]** Then God said, "Let Us (FATHER, SON, HOLY SPIRIT) make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them (WHO'S THEM? ... US) have dominion (AUTHORITY AND RULE) over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the Earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the Earth." **[27]** So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. **[28]** Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the Earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the Earth."

### **Genesis 2:15, 19-20**

**[15]** The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. (GOD GAVE HIM AN ASSIGNMENT & RESPONSIBILITY)

**[19]** Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air (HOW POWERFUL IS OUR GOD), and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. **[20]** So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. (THAT'S PARTNERSHIP)

He was in a perfect environment, God gave him rule, yet even then when Eve was created, they sinned against God.

They then sinned against the Lord:

### **Genesis 3:8**

**[8]** Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the Garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the Garden.

If we are created in the image of God, then we have the potential to think like God.

We now need to replace sinful thinking with Godly thinking.

In sports, the act of doing something over again thousands of times is called developing muscle memory. Doing the same stroke or move repeatedly, whereby it's ultimately what you do naturally.

You see, sin causes us shame and embarrassment. As a result, we are less likely to run to the Lord. That's why even when we have given our lives

to Jesus, the enemy tries to bring thoughts into our mind and even conversations that make us doubt the goodness of God towards ourselves.

How do we transform our minds to be like God originally intended us to be?

## 1. TAKE EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE

You can't stop a bird from flying over your head, but you can stop it from making a nest there. As you go through your day, you will be confronted with thoughts that don't line up with the Word.

Thoughts of anger, impatience, judgment, lust, greed, laziness, and many others. You may say, "Hey, where are these coming from?"

They are coming from either:

- One's own desires that have been conscious or dormant within you,
- Or from demonic spiritual forces.

### **James 1:13-15**

**[13]** Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. **[14]** But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. **[15]** Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

It all starts with a thought, then you keep thinking about it, try it, do it often, then it brings death in your life.

So then how do we fight against this?

## 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

[4] For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal (NATURAL) but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds (WHAT STRONGHOLDS), [5] casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought (WHAT WE THINK) into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

The question is: “What do you do when evil or sinful thoughts come into your mind?” The Bible teaches us here to take them captive.

## 2 Timothy 1:7

[7] For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Dr. Caroline Leaf says in her book, “You can through conscious effort, gain control of your thoughts and feelings, and in doing so, you can change the programming and chemistry of your brain...”

What you are thinking of every day becomes a physical reality in your brain and body, which affects your optimal and mental and physical health. These thoughts collectively form your attitude, which is your state of mind, and it's your attitude and not your DNA that determines much of the quality of your life.”

As we consciously direct our thinking, we can wire our toxic patterns of thinking and replace them with healthy thoughts. New thought networks grow. We can increase our intelligence and bring healing to our brains, minds, and physical bodies.

“If you realized how powerful your thoughts are, you would never think a negative thought.” -Peace Pilgrim

It's amazing what you can do when you set your mind to it.

## **2. REPLACE SINFUL THOUGHTS WITH GODLY THOUGHTS**

### **Matthew 12:43-45**

**[43]** “When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. **[44]** Then he says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when he comes, he finds *it* empty, swept, and put in order. **[45]** Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation.”

It's not enough to have your hard drive cleaned, you need downloads.

It's not enough for us to take these bad thoughts out of our mind, it's necessary to replace them with God's Word.

Let's look at this practically:

You're at a restaurant, and the waitress is taking a long time and messing up the menu.

We want to react and lash out.

There's this conversation in your mind, do you lash out or what?

This is when you take that argument to the Lord and replace it with the Word and speak the Word.

Rejoice when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience, and let patience have its perfect work that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing.

Thank You, Lord that I can see this person through Your eyes.

### **3. WALK IN THE SPIRIT**

When you're busy doing the do's, you don't have time for the don'ts.

God is in full control of His thought life. He embodies the fruit of the Spirit and is able, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to do the same.

Yet many people live a life that is unrestrained. Some, in fact, don't even want to have any moral laws governing them.

#### **Romans 1:18-19, 24-25**

**[18]** (SPEAKS OF THESE PEOPLE) For the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, **[19]** because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them.

**[24]** Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness (A DEBASED MIND), in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, **[25]** who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

#### **Galatians 5:16-26**

**[16]** I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. **[17]** For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. **[18]** But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

**[19]** Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, [20] idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, [21] envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

**[22]** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23] gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. **[24]** And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **[25]** If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. **[26]** Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

If we walk in the Spirit by yielding to the Holy Spirit, then we will think like God thinks because His Word is alive in us, and we are in tune with His plans.