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Mindset

What are you allowing your mind to think? What thoughts are you entertaining? I'm not sure what you mean. My mind thinks thousands upon thousands of thoughts. What do you mean by asking me what thoughts am I entertaining? You seem to be expressing the idea that I can control what I allow myself to think. You seem to be suggesting that I can entertain some thoughts and reject others. **That is exactly the idea I am expressing and suggesting to you. I will take the thought and idea I want you to consider on step further.** How so? **Your thoughts can be categorized in one of two categories.** You have my complete attention. You have my full curiosity. **Your thoughts will either be set on what the sinful nature desires or on what the spiritual nature desires.** I need to hear more of what you want to say to me.

The thoughts of your mind, words of your mouth, and the entire course of your life will be guided by what you set your mind on. If you set your mind on what the sinful nature desires you will think thoughts, speak words, and take actions that are earthly, fleshly and unspiritual. You will think and speak and act like everyone else in the world. You will have nothing but a worldly perspective. You want what the world wants. You will do what the world does. This kind of life is temporary and will pass way. This type of life will amount to nothing of eternal value. This life is filled with sin and darkness. This life is evil and will end in death. These are opposite of the thoughts I want you to think and the life I have called you to live.

What kind of life have you called me to live? **I want you to think thoughts of what the spiritual nature desires. I want you to think my thoughts. I want you to know me. I want you to become like me. I want you to think thoughts, speak words and take action that are filled with life. I want your whole perspective to be spiritual. I want you to keep your heart and mind and life focused on me.** This sound like I will be in for quite a battle. **Say more.** I do live in a dark and sinful and broken world. My heart and mind and life are continually under bombardment from the world. **That's true.** How can I think your thoughts, speak your words and live the life you are calling me to live? **Draw near to me. Meet with me in my word. Allow me to use my word to change your heart, transform your mind and guide your life. I will give you thoughts to think, words to speak and a life to live as you live in an intimate relationship with me. Will you allow me to change your heart and transform your mind? Will you continually draw near to me? Will you walk with me through life?** Yes, I will. **Then your mind will be set on what I desire. Then you will live the life you have been called to live.** That is my desire. That is what I will do. **That is very good.**

Holy Spirit, at one time I thought about whatever came into my mind. I fed my mind on garbage from the world. I lived a life that was not pleasing to you. Use God's word to transform my mind so I can think your thoughts and fully live the life you desire for me. Amen

Holy Spirit *What The Spirit Desires*

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NIV Romans 8:5

Holy Spirit *Things Of The Spirit*

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

ESV Romans 8:5

Holy Spirit *Things That Please The Spirit*

Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit.

NLT Romans 8:5

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NRSV Romans 8:5

Holy Spirit *Living And Breathing God*

Those who think they can do it on their own end up obsessed with measuring their own moral muscle but never get around to exercising it in real life. Those who trust God's action in them find that God's Spirit is in them—living and breathing God!

MSG Romans 8:5

Holy Spirit *Things Which Gratify The Holy Spirit*

For those who are according to the flesh and are controlled by its unholy desires set their minds on and pursue those things which gratify the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit and are controlled by the desires of the Spirit set their minds on and seek those things which gratify the [Holy] Spirit.

AMP Romans 8:5

Holy Spirit *Things That Please God*

Those who let themselves be controlled by their lower natures live only to please themselves, but those who follow after the Holy Spirit find themselves doing those things that please God.

TLB Romans 8:5

Holy Spirit *Things Of The Spirit*

For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

NASB Romans 8:5

Holy Spirit *Things The Spirit Wants Them To Do*

Those who live following their sinful selves think only about things that their sinful selves want. But those who live following the Spirit are thinking about the things the Spirit wants them to do.

NCV Romans 8:5

What The Spirit Desires

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Holy Spirit – Romans 8:5

In Context: *Read Romans 8*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

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What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When have you consciously made a choice to change what you are thinking about?

Why will what you set your mind on determine the thoughts, words and actions of your life?

How would you describe thoughts that come from the sinful nature?

When have you entertained sinful thoughts that led you into sinful activity?

What thoughts do you think the Holy Spirit wants you to set your mind on?

How has the Holy Spirit used God’s word to transform your mind and the way that you think?

How is your life dramatically changing as the Holy Spirit is transforming your mind with God’s word?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Allow the Holy Spirit to use God’s word to transform your thoughts so you can live the life He desires for you.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that the Holy Spirit will use God’s word to help transform your mind and empower your life.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how the Holy Spirit has changed your mind and life.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you allow the Holy Spirit to use God's word to transform your mind and guide your life.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Holy Spirit, use God's word to transform my mind and guide my life.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Holy Spirit, how will you use God's word to transform my mind and guide my life today?
