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Mindset

What is your mindset? I'm not sure what you mean by that question. **What is your mind set on? What are you allowing yourself to think?** That is a very important question, I would guess. **You would be guessing correctly. Your mindset will direct the course of your life. All your thoughts and words and actions will flow out of your mindset. All your opinions and values will be come from your mindset. If your mind is set on worldly things, you will then think and speak and act in worldly ways. All the conduct and character of your life will be guided by your mindset. Now, do you understand the importance of your mind set?** Yes, I do. You have made that quite clear to me. **That's good.**

I know that you want to become like me. I know that you want to think and speak and act in ways that are pleasing to me. I know that you want to be holy just as I am holy. Am I correct? Are these the true desires of your heart and mind and life? Yes, you know the desires of my heart. I am also confident that you have placed these desires in me. They have come to me as a great and gracious gift, from you to me. I also know that you have and are continuing to fan the flame of these desires in me. **Yes, I am.** It is wise that you recognize what I have, am, and will continue to do in you. The only wisdom that I have comes from you. **That is also true.**

Will you continue to set your heart and mind and life on me? Will you keep on turning away from worldly thoughts from this world? Will you continue to allow me to prepare your mind for action so that you will be able to think and speak and act like me? Will you allow me to make you into a bold and bright witness for me in the darkness of this world? Yes Lord, I will. I will draw near to you. I will submit my heart and mind and life to you. The focus of my attention will be on you. I will listen attentively to you. I will live and walk in an intimate relationship with you. I will go where you guide me. I will do what you ask of me. **That will be very good. Then the desires of your heart, and mind and life will be fulfilled.** Thank you, Lord.

Lord, I will prepare my mind for action. I will set my heart and mind and life on all the hope that I have in you. Help me to be self-controlled. Help me to think and speak and act like you. Help me to be holy in all I think, say, and do. Make me to be like you. Amen

The Virtuous Life*Be Self-Controlled*

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NIV 1 Peter 1:13-16

The Virtuous Life*Exercise Self-Control*

So think clearly and exercise self-control. Look forward to the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world. So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy."

NLT 1 Peter 1:13-16

The Virtuous Life*Discipline Yourselves*

Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

NRSV 1 Peter 1:13-16

The Virtuous Life*Be Sober*

So brace up your minds; be sober (circumspect, morally alert); set your hope wholly and unchangeably on the grace (divine favor) that is coming to you when Jesus Christ (the Messiah) is revealed. [Live] as children of obedience [to God]; do not conform yourselves to the evil desires [that governed you] in your former ignorance [when you did not know the requirements of the Gospel]. But as the One Who called you is holy, you yourselves also be holy in all your conduct and manner of living. For it is written, You shall be holy, for I am holy.

AMP 1 Peter 1:13-16

The Virtuous Life*Keep Sober In Spirit*

Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

NASB 1 Peter 1:13-16

The Virtuous Life*Being Sober Minded*

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

ESV 1 Peter 1:13-16

The Virtuous Life*Be Sober*

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; as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

NKJV 1 Peter 1:13-16

The Virtuous Life*Be Totally Ready*

So roll up your sleeves, put your mind in gear, be totally ready to receive the gift that's coming when Jesus arrives. Don't lazily slip back into those old grooves of evil, doing just what you feel like doing. You didn't know any better then; you do now. As obedient children, let yourselves be pulled into a way of life shaped by God's life, a life energetic and blazing with holiness. God said, "I am holy; you be holy."

MSG 1 Peter 1:13-16

The Virtuous Life*Look Forward Soberly*

So now you can look forward soberly and intelligently to more of God's kindness to you when Jesus Christ returns. Obey God because you are his children; don't slip back into your old ways—doing evil because you knew no better. But be holy now in everything you do, just as the Lord is holy, who invited you to be his child. He himself has said, "You must be holy, for I am holy."

TLB 1 Peter 1:13-16

The Virtuous Life*Have Self-Control*

So prepare your minds for service and have self-control. All your hope should be for the gift of grace that will be yours when Jesus Christ is shown to you. Now that you are obedient children of God do not live as you did in the past. You did not understand, so you did the evil things you wanted. But be holy in all you do, just as God, the One who called you, is holy. It is written in the Scriptures: "You must be holy, because I am holy."

NCV 1 Peter 1:13-16

Be Self-Controlled

Year ____ Week ____ Day ____ Date ____

The Virtuous Life – 1 Peter 1:13-16

In Context: Read 1 Peter 1

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?)***

Lord, I will prepare my mind for action. I will set my heart and mind and life on all the hope that I have in you. Help me to be self-controlled. Help me to think and speak and act like you. Help me to be holy in all I think, say, and do. Make me to be like you. Amen

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

How are you allow your mind to be prepared for action as a follower of Jesus Christ?

How are you being self-controlled in your thoughts, and words, and actions?

How are you setting your heart and mind and life on the hope you have in Jesus Christ?

How are you making sure that you are not conforming to old evil desires that once were in you?

What must you set aside completely so that you can think and speak and act like Christ?

How is setting your mind on Christ helping you to be holy in all you think, say, and do?

What spiritual disciplines are helping you to become more like Christ in your thoughts, words, and actions?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Set your heart and mind and life on Christ so you can become like Him in all your thoughts, words, and actions.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will help you to be holy in all that you think and say and do.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are allowing the Lord to make you like Him.

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 be holy in all you think and say and do.

Prayer To Carry

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

Lord, help me to be holy in all I think and say and do.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how do you want to make me holy in all I think and say and do today?
