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## **Your Mind**

**How will you prepare your mind for action?** Whatever I set my mind on will determine the action I will be prepared to take. **What do you mean by that?** If I set my mind on my job, then I will be preparing myself to be successful in my career. If I set my mind on power and prestige and position, then I will be preparing myself to do whatever it takes to get ahead. If I set my mind on comfort and pleasure, then I will be preparing to seek fleshly desires. If I set my mind on material possessions, then I will be preparing myself to acquire all that this world has to offer. **Are any of these pursuits worthy of setting your mind on?** What do you mean by that? **Will you allow any of these pursuits to determine who you are and what you will become? Are you going to allow yourself to be defined by any of these things?** Those are life-changing questions. **Yes, they are depending on how you answer them.**

**What do you want to set your mind on? What action do you want to be prepared to take? Who do you want to become? What do you want your life to look like?** I want to set my mind on you. I want to set my mind on the hope that I have in you, both now and forever. I have said goodbye to my old life. Nothing from my old life is worth setting my mind on. I don't want to live for comfort and pleasure. I'm not drawn to power, prestige, and position. I'm not attracted to all false treasures and riches that the world has to offer. It would be a fool's errand to live for what I could only temporarily acquire. **Yes, it would.** I want my mind to be ready for action. **What action?** I want my mind to be prepared for whatever action you ask me to take. I want to know and do your will. I want to wholeheartedly live the life that you have called me to live. I want my life to conform to your purposes and plan. **How will you know if you are on the right track?** You have called me to be holy. You want me to become like you. **Yes, that's right.** As you daily make me more like you, I will notice that. **Yes, you will.** That is my hope. That is my desire. That is my plan. That is my goal. **That is very good.**

*Lord, thank you for the hope I have in you. Help me to set my mind on you. Prepare my mind for action. I will no longer think and live my life in conformity to the world. Change my heart and transform my mind so I can live the holy life you have called me to live. Amen*

**Guidance** *Prepare Your Minds For Action*

Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

NIV 1 Peter 1:13-16

**Guidance** *Think Clearly And 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

**Guidance** *Prepare Your Minds For Action*

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

**Guidance** *Brace Up Your Minds*

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

**Guidance** *Prepare Your Minds For Action*

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

**Guidance** *Preparing Your Minds For Action*

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

**Guidance** *Gird Up The Loins Of Your Mind*

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

**Guidance** *Put Your Mind In Gear*

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

**Guidance** *Look Forward Soberly And Intelligently*

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

**Guidance** *Prepare Your Minds For Service*

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

# Prepare Your Minds For Action

Year \_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_

**Guidance** – 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?)***

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**What It Means:**

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

**What will hinder your mind from being prepared and ready for action as a follower of Jesus Christ?**

How are you no longer allowing yourself to be conformed to all the evil that is in the world?

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

**How has meditating on God's word changed what you think, say, and do as a follower of Jesus Christ?**

How has the hope that you have in Jesus Christ changed the way that you live?

How are you rolling up your sleeves and giving your best effort to live as a follower of Jesus Christ?

**How are you day by day becoming more like Jesus Christ as you set your hope and mind on Him?**

**Living It Out:**

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

Allow the Lord to change your mind and prepare you for action as you love, follow, and serve Him.

**Seeing It Happen:**

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

Have faith that the Lord will change your mind and prepare you for action, as you love, follow, and serve Him.

**Get Ready To Share:**

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

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord has changed your mind and prepared you for action.

**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?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

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

*May you set your mind on Christ so your mind can be prepared for action.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

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

*Lord, I will set my mind on you so my mind can be prepared for action.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how will setting my mind on you prepare my mind for action today?*

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