

Controlling Your Thoughts

Scripture Reference: Colossians 3:1-8

- Our mind is the _____ of our life.
- *Proverbs 23:7 For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. NKJ*
- If you have a _____, you need to look at the mind.
- Think = _____.
- The word heart is used _____ time in the OT.
 1. _____: literally/figuratively
 2. The inner being with its _____ and emotions
 3. The _____ person
- What _____ how you think? Is it the word of _____, or something else?
- Everything you think, watch, see, hear, and read is _____ you to think a certain way.

Colossians 3:1-8

Verse 1: Then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above...

- A. The old man is our _____. We are all _____ with it.
- B. The old man dies, and we are _____ in newness of life.
- C. It is a picture of _____. (Death, Burial, Resurrection)
- D. In your old life you were _____ seeking spiritual things.
- E. Now you seek after what God thinks is _____.

Verse 2: Set your mind on things above, not on things of the earth.

- A. We are all going to set our mind on _____.
- B. To have a sound/set mind means you have _____.
- C. You have the ability to understand the _____ between ideas.

Verse 3: For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

- A. Many people just want to _____ to the way they are living.
- B. They have _____ in their life. (*Col 3:5*)
- C. An idol is anything that comes _____ and is more _____ to you than God.
- D. Consequences of having idols: The _____ of God (*Col 3:6*)

Understand our relationship with Jesus

- A. Because we have been changed, God intends our _____ to change.
- B. Repent: metanoia = to _____ one's mind or to _____ differently.
- C. When you have wrong thinking, you can't _____ what reality actually is.
- D. Unfortunately for many this starts at a very _____.

Recognize it won't be easy

- A. It is _____ to control your thoughts.
- B. We are called to live _____ lives in _____ environments.
- C. Thinking godly is absolutely _____ to succeed in life.
- D. Satan _____ the minds of unbelievers. (2 Cor 4:3-4)
- E. Satan _____ the minds of believers. (2 Cor 11:3)

Lies of the enemy

Genesis 3:1 Did God _____ say that?

Genesis 3:4 It won't _____ you.

Genesis 3:5 You can be just like _____.

- F. The mind is the _____ in everyone's life.
- G. He will _____ and _____ us to recall things from years ago.
- H. Only you can _____ how you will respond.
- I. You can _____ the way you think. You can lay anything _____ if you choose to.
- J. You have the Holy _____. He is your _____.
- K. Paraclete: The one who comes _____ you.
- L. You have been given the _____ to take your thoughts _____ to the obedience of Christ. (2 Cor 10:3-5)

Renew our minds in the word (God's word is the authority in our lives)

Romans 12:2 Transformed in the Greek is metamorphoo = to be _____ from the _____ out.

Anchor 9 of Encounter: Allow God's word to become the authority over my life. (Three camps)

1. They don't _____ God's word or _____ it.
2. They think they are a _____ and rely on their own strength.
3. They believe God's word and pursue it in their _____ lives.

Seek and set are imperative verbs: To do _____ and habitually.

