

NSD Notes

For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. (1 Cor. 9:19)
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Services

- Bible Study 10 a.m.
- Morning Service.....11 a.m.
- Evening Service.....6 p.m.
- Wednesday Meeting.....7 p.m.

News @ NSD

WELCOME VISITORS!

Prayer List

- ~ Ernest Peeples - deployed in Iraq.
- ~ Logan Harper - is in 29 Palms.
- ~ Meredith Hoskins - visiting family in Kentucky.
- ~ Dema Franklin - recovering from wrist surgery.
- ~ Martha Holloway - recurring back and heart condition.
- ~ Please continue to pray for Sally Harper's nephew, Isaiah.
- ~ Marie Adams - recovering from knee surgery and awaiting hip surgery.
- ~ Jeanne Lynne - battling cancer.
- ~ Continue to pray for Ken Holloway's brother, Chuck.
- ~ Reah Fredrickson is in Maine getting Cassandra settled at college.
- ~ Please continue to pray for Samantha Wilson.
- Sam and Vicki Barton - in Las Vegas then off to Pensacola.

Sunday Class

Studies in James

Wednesday Class

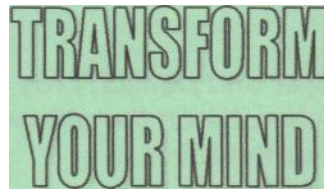
Bible Character Studies - Adam

THINKING ABOUT THINKING

Mark Stinnett

Sometimes we need to take a step back and think about things. It may sound a little strange, but I am thinking about thinking. The verse from First Peter 4:7 continues to echo in my mind: "*Be of sound judgment and sober for the purpose of prayer.*"

Together, the two terms, sound judgment and soberness, carry the idea of clear thinking and mental calmness. These terms follow in contrast to a series of terms that include drinking, sensuality, lust {any kind of passionate desire}, and idolatry.



Intoxication by alcohol and drugs affect the mind by physically interfering with the operation of thinking. The latter three terms also refer to a muddling of the mind, but without introducing a foreign substance. In all of these, the mind is unable to think clearly and calmly; Godliness is pushed out of the way.

Whatever the case, do you remember having an intense desire to listen? You were focused on the television or radio. You probably leaned in closely and may have tilted your head to hear just a little better. Small insignificant noises were completely ignored. Anyone not interested (kids) were asked to leave the room or "Shush!"



If you had been feeling tired, you were suddenly wide awake...focused, but calm...mentally alert!

That is the mind that God wants: wide awake; focused, but calm; mentally alert. At the heart of the focused and alert mind is a genuine desire to follow Christ.

Consider the following passages that demonstrate the importance of the sober mind that is focused on God:

Prepare your minds for action, keep sober.
(1 Peter 1:13)



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All are welcome to our worship
and study meetings!

*... singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs
with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Col 3:16*

I will praise you, O LORD, with all my
heart;

I will tell of all your wonders. I will
be glad and rejoice in you;

I will sing praise to your name, O Most
High.

Arise, O LORD, let not man triumph;

Let the nations be judged in your
presence.

Psalms 9:1-2, 19

Oh joy that soars above my ways
In every song of praise
Borne high with rev'rent awe
To touch the hem of God

My joy springs from humility
It's held secure in trust
My joys grows strong in suff'ring
It's kept in thankfulness

Oh, quiet joy from knowing God
A precious inner peace
Reveals eternal glory
Where joy will never cease

Glenda Barnhart Schales

[Conflict Resolution]

*A natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God,
for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand
them, because they are spiritually appraised.*

(1 Corinthians 2:14)

*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the
renewing of your mind.*

(Romans 12:2)

*Their minds were hardened; for until this very day at the
reading of the old covenant the same veil remains unlifted,
because it is removed in Christ. But to this day whenever
Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart; but whenever a
person turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.*

(2 Corinthians 3:14-16)

*Walk no longer just as the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their
mind.*

(Ephesians 4:17)

Let no one deceive you with empty words.

(Ephesians 5:6)

*With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit and
with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and
petition for all the saints. (Ephesians 6:18)*

God desires for us to have a clear mind. When our mind is
muddled by chemicals, passions, or just the distractions of the
day, we will be drawn away from God and will miss out on His
gracious help. A calm and clear mind requires genuine intent and
constant effort.

Is your mind clear and calm so you can pray?

Think about thinking . . . calmly and clearly.

*Finally brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,
whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if
anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.*

(Philippians 4:8)

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