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# Words of Truth

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## Thinking From The Lord's Perspective

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After Paul wrote about how His words came from the Holy Spirit (I Corinthians 2:1-13; cf. I Corinthians 14:37), he then wrote about how His teaching was spiritual. He went on to teach that the spiritual teaching done through him gave those learning from him the mind of Christ. Notice: *“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ”* (I Corinthians 2:14-16).

We cannot dismiss the fact that we can know how the Lord thinks. We can know how He views things. The knowledge that we can have about the Lord's perspective is not hidden. It is readily available to us through His inspired words (II Timothy 3:15-17). As saints we are expected to have the word of God in our hearts and minds (Deuteronomy 6:6, Deuteronomy 11:18, Deuteronomy 30:14, Psalms 119:11, Proverbs 4:4, Proverbs 23:12, Jeremiah 15:16, Ezekiel 3:10, Luke 8:15, Colossians 3:16, and James 1:21-25). Our mindset is supposed to be spiritual, rather than carnal (Romans 8:1-8, Romans 12:1-3, and Galatians 5:16-26). We can, and are in fact expected to, think like the Lord thinks (Philippians 2:3-12 and I Peter 4:1-2).

Thinking from the Lord's perspective is all about forsaking human, worldly reasoning and learning to be spiritually minded (Isaiah 55:7-9). To do so, we have to fully grasp and accept the fact that worldly wisdom is foolish (I Corinthians 1:18-3:20). Think about this: *“Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the LORD are right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein”* (Hosea 14:9). How wise are you? Are you wise enough to realize that your way, even if the world esteems you as “smart”, is not the way to walk (Proverbs 12:15, Proverbs 20:24, Isaiah 65:2, Jeremiah 10:23, and I John 2:3-6)?

### Wisely Setting Our Thinking On Things Above Rather Than On The Earth

Paul told the saints in Colosse that he desired them to be filled with the knowledge of the Lord's will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding (Colossians 1:9). Paul established that his work was about teaching every man in all wisdom; to present every man perfect in Christ Jesus (Colossians 1:28). He told them to walk in wisdom (Colossians 4:5). In that same letter

he taught them how they needed to think for them to be wise, godly, and faithful. He wrote this: *“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth”* (Colossians 3:1-2). When we studied these Scriptures in January of this year in a Tuesday night study, we learned that the word translated “affection” in verse two as quoted above meant: “to exercise the mind, i.e. entertain or have a sentiment or opinion; by implication, to be (mentally) disposed (more or less earnestly in a certain direction); intensively, to interest oneself in (with concern or obedience): — set the affection on, (be) care(-ful), (be like-, + be of one, + be of the same, + let this) mind(-ed), regard, savour, think” (Strong’s # 5426). We looked at every Scripture that had that same Greek word in it and their contexts. We talked at length about how Peter erred. We read about Peter whom was told by Christ he, *“...savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men”* (Matthew 16:21-23).

Like Peter, if our minds are NOT centered on Heavenly thinking rather than carnally thinking we too will err. Seeing things God’s way rarely lines up with carnal reasoning. Examples such as Nicodemus show that carnal thinking is blinding (John 3:1-12). Minding earthly things, which is the opposite of having our mindset coming from things above, brings about destruction (Philippians 3:18-19).

If we can be wise enough to think from a heavenly perspective things in this life get a whole lot easier. If we think about this world as firewood, how invested in it will we be (II Peter 3:10-14)? If we think of this world as a place wherein no investment will be safe, how invested will we be (Matthew 6:19-21)? If we are really looking forward to what is being prepared for us (John 14:1-3), how stuck will we get in what will surely be left on earth to ultimately perish (Ecclesiastes 5:13-15)? When we have heavenly wisdom we realize this world is but a place we are temporarily visiting (Hebrews 11:13). That should move our thinking away from things that are carnal (I Peter 2:9-12).

Solomon wrote: *“For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding... Wisdom is before him that hath understanding; but the eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth”* (Proverbs 2:6; 17:24). Where is your focus? Where is your thinking coming from? Are you looking all around this world for the answers or are you looking above?

## Conclusion

As we have established, the Lord’s thinking is not even close to man’s thinking, but His thinking is revealed to us through His word. You have His perspective on things available to you. If you want to simplify your life on earth and have eternity in Heaven with Him, you MUST think from His perspective. You have to bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ (II Corinthians 10:1-5). Open your copy of the Scriptures more often. Through that book, look upward to His way of thinking.