

Think Not to Say Within Yourself

I. Introduction: Matthew 3:7-10

- A. Our thoughts define us (**Proverbs 23:6-7**; cf. **Psalms 10:4** and **Proverbs 15:26**).
 - 1. Corruption begins within (**Matthew 9:1-6**; cf. **Mark 7:21-23**).
 - 2. Our thinking can be right (**Proverbs 16:3**; cf. **Proverbs 12:5**).
 - 3. As David realized, good thoughts begin with good hearts (**I Chronicles 29:17-19**).
- B. God knows our thoughts (**I Chronicles 28:9**, **Job 42:1-2**, **Psalms 139:1-2**, **Isaiah 66:18**, and **Luke 11:14-17**).
 - 1. Our thoughts will be revealed (**I Corinthians 4:5**).
 - 2. Man thinks too much of himself (**I Corinthians 3:18-20**; cf. **Romans 12:3**).

II. Body: Some will think themselves right to Hell (**Romans 1:21-32**).

- A. Our way of thinking is NOT always right (**Acts 26:9-15**; cf. **John 16:2-3**).
 - 1. Some think they're saved, when they're not (**John 5:37-47**).
 - 2. We can deceive ourselves (**Galatians 6:3**, **II Timothy 3:13**, and **James 1:22**).
 - 3. Don't trust in your human reasoning (**Psalms 33:10-11**; **146:3-4** and **I Corinthians 1:25-31**).
- B. Doubt will cause us to err in thought (**Luke 24:33-41**).
 - 1. We must resolve our thoughts of doubt (**Romans 14:23**, **I Timothy 2:8**, **Hebrews 11:6**, and **James 1:8**).
 - 2. Some try to rationalize away the truth because of doubt (**Acts 2:5-13**).
- C. Looking to accuse our Lord will cause us to err (**Luke 7:36-50**)?
 - 1. Some think up accusations to discredit the truth (**Luke 6:6-11**).
 - 2. Some will reason dishonestly to stay from obedience (**Mark 11:28-33**).

III. Conclusion:

- A. Even those who think and plan, often think and plan wrong (**Luke 12:13-21**).
- B. Let's put the Lord's law in our hearts (**Isaiah 51:7**).
- C. The thinking that is not right needs to be forsaken (**Isaiah 55:7**).