



A great philosopher once said, “Each and everyone of us has secret thoughts that would shame hell.” Someone else said, “Our best friends and our worst enemies are our thoughts.” A thought can do us more good than a doctor or a banker or a faithful friend. It can also do us more harm than a brick. Society is greatly affected by a person’s thoughts, which eventually leads many to express themselves physically either good or bad. Note some Scriptural answers on thoughts:

### **GOD KNOWS OUR THOUGHTS**

“...no thought can be withholden from Thee.” Job 42:2

“...Thou understandest my thought afar off.” Psalm 139:2

God knows our thoughts? Why not? The Bible tells us that He created us and that we are fearfully and wonderfully made – Psalm 139:14.

What a mess as God looks down and reads our minds to see that the majority of humanity is not only shutting GOD out of the mind, but bent on polluting mankind as a result of corrupt thoughts.

*Ponder this, God knows what is running through your mind as you read this study sheet!*

### **GOD ISSUES A COMMAND TO THE BELIEVER ON RIGHT THINKING**

“...whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.” – Philippians 4:8

Yes, a command from GOD. Why? This is for our good, since corrupt thoughts lead to wrong actions. This could be our undoing, hurt those we love and grieve our GOD.

### **GOD HONORS THOSE WHO INCLUDE HIM IN THEIR THINKING**

“But while he thought on these things, behold the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream...” – Matthew 1:20

Joseph experienced a visitation from the GOD because of right thinking. We can be blessed of GOD in having HIM speak to us as we include HIM in our thinking. Note: 1 Samuel 2:30

### **GOD’S PRESCRIPTION FOR RIGHT THINKING**

“Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.” – Proverbs 16:3

The verse is simply saying to get caught up in CHRIST-HONORING activities which develop healthy minds.

- Work your way as a believer to church in obedience to GOD’S command. – Hebrews 10:25
- Work your way to a systematic study of GOD’S WORD; It pays off. – Romans 10:17
- Work not for Salvation (Ephesians 2:8, 9), but once saved by Grace through faith we are to work for our LORD JESUS “...while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.” – John 9:4

**ONLY ONE LIFE WILL SOON BE PAST, ONLY WHAT’S DONE FOR CHRIST WILL LAST**

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