



SERMON NOTES

REACHING YOUR POTENTIAL PART II: THINK BIG!

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Proverbs 23:7a (NKJV) “For as he thinks in his heart, so is he...”

Thinking is the hardest work there is, which is the probable reason why so few engage in it. –Henry Ford, Sr.

*You are today where your thoughts have brought you; you will be tomorrow where your thoughts take you.
–James Allen*

Line these up correctly: Our Thinking

“It’s impossible.”

“I cannot go on.”

“I cannot forgive myself.”

“I am too tired.”

“I cannot figure things out.”

“I cannot afford to.”

“Nobody really loves me.”

“I cannot do it.”

“Nobody really cares for me.”

“I am not worth it.”

Romans 1:21 (NLT) “Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn’t worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused.”

Romans 1:28 (NKJV) “And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;”

Ephesians 4:17-19 (NLT) “With the Lord’s authority I say this: Live no longer as the Gentiles do, for they are hopelessly confused. 18 Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him. 19 They have no sense of shame. They live for lustful pleasure and eagerly practice every kind of impurity.”

Romans 8:6 (NKJV) “For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.”

God’s thoughts are higher than ours.

Isaiah 55:8-9 (NLT) “My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the LORD. “And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. 9 For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.”

God invites us to think His thoughts.

1 Corinthians 2:16 (NLT) “For, “Who can know the LORD’s thoughts? Who knows enough to teach him?” But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.

YOU’RE AS BIG AS YOU THINK!

1. Be fully persuaded that God is your source and ultimate provider.

Matthew 6:25-34 (NLT) “That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn’t life more than food, and your body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds. They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren’t you far more valuable to him than they are? 27 Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? 28 “And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don’t work or make their clothing, 29 yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. 30 And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith? 31 “So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’ 32 These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. 33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. 34 “So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

2. Practice self-restraint.

Philippians 4:5 (KJV) "Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand."

3. Renew your mind daily.

Romans 12:2 (AMP) "Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you]."