

The Mind of Christ

I Cor. 2:16
Matt. 13:24-30

Scientists and Psychologists say you and I think 50,000 thoughts a day, and that 30 to 35,000 of them are negative. Moreover, when your brain engages with certain activities it can go into a hypnotic state causing you to not have the ability to impose moral filters and standards on your thoughts – This causes your brain to create new appetites and desires that you ordinarily would not choose for yourself. I am referring specifically for certain periods of time we share, or give our brain over to TV programs, internet surfing, music, Facebook involvement, sports entertainment, etc. It's at this point we let down our moral filters. Now we develop new appetites. These opening verses describe just what I'm talking about.

So you have 30 to 35,000 negative thoughts a day coming into your brain and 200 of these thoughts are subconscious; so now that one hour of preaching on Sunday is choked by the 210,000 thousand negative thoughts for the week that is influenced by this hypnotic state. So in the parable of the wheat and the tare in Matt. 13 your mind is the field.

- 1.) The wheat is God's word.
- 2.) The tares represent wrong thinking.
- 3.) The Bible says while asleep the enemy came into sow tares or wrong thinking.
- 4.) Why? So he can dictate your appetites and desires and your lusts.
- 5.) Because whatever dictates your appetites controls your choices.

What you think decides what you choose, so a choice is not about options or selections it's about appetites.

- Your brain never stops recording what it sees hears and feels.
- Your brain gravitates to patterns – so when bitterness for example is planted it takes roots and it proceeds to take over the brain. (Read Heb. 12:14-17)
- This is describing tares sown while my brain was in our hypnotic state of some pleasure or harmless activity.

So how can I give my whole mind to God if I'm not in control of it?

The devil wants to occupy a portion of it so you can't give it all to God. Read Eph. 4:23-27

So you and I are no match for discerning the tares sown into our 50,000 thoughts a day.

- This all feels natural and right when making daily choices
- Only the Holy Ghost can help us discern the tares that have been sown into on thinking.

He does it 2 ways:

- 1.) Heb. 4:12 God's word breaks up and destroys and pulls down the stronghold of tares in our minds causing us to establish healthy appetites, and this causes us to make kingdom choices. Gen. 2:7
- 2.) God's Breathing Presence

- Only God's breathing presence and word can destroy wrong tares.
- Without this we can't even recognize our thinking is wrong. This is why people do not pray and talk to God (I Cor. 2:12-14)

So here are the ingredients for the Holy Ghost to help us get our full minds back under his influence.

- 1.) God's breathing presence activates the functionality of our human spirit
 - a) He gave us a human spirit; He formed us and knows how to renew us. He made the endorphins, serotonin and dopamine in us. We come to life like Adam when he breathed on us. 2 Sam 22:16-17; Job 33:4; Is. 42:5; Ez. 37:5
 - b) His breathing presence can saturate the dopamine and the endorphins in us. These all affect our mood, energy and thought processing. Your worship and faith in His love allows His breathing presence to perform let everything that has breath.
- 2.) This breathing presence makes alive old knowledge in the word. It renews and transforms the mind. It activates love according to the mind of Christ. All by God's breathing presence.
 - Here's the thing – God is the initiator. Despite your 35,000 negative thoughts God initiates the breathing of his presence on you. Read Gen 3:8-9. No man can come to the Father except he be drawn.
 - Here's the important part to God's initiating and breathing presence.
 - a.) You have a choice to respond one way or the other.
 - b.) If I respond properly God erases or heals all of the recorded memories the brain has experienced. All by His breathing presence. All by His blood and His name.
 - c.) He brings alive emotions and creativity that has died in you.
 - d.) He helps you replace those 35,000 negative thoughts with His word and renewed mind, Read Gen 3:21
 - This is God's breathing covering healing the mind. God came looking for Adam in a state and condition that was not conducive for intimacy and relationship.
 - So if God comes looking for you, there is always a reason. (Analogy of feeling hot and cold)
 - Warmth or cold didn't come looking for you. Gen 3:9, God's breathing presence came looking for Adam.
 - God knew only by His word and His breathing presence can He remove Adam's shame and his fears.

And here are the 2 reasons why:

- 1.) If I ignore or suppress God's calling presence today, I develop a cancerous attitude towards His love and His correction. It leaves me by myself to deal with the hypnotic states of the brain dictating my appetites. I can't discern love. I won't feel love. I will keep reaching for the wrong things to fill the voids of relationship love if I ignore the breathing presence of God and His word today.
- 2.) God speaks to us about His children on the battlefields of our day. If I ignore or suppress God's breathing presence I will fight wrong. I won't care about hurting people. I won't have answers for their situations. Read Gen 2:15, 20
 - God will speak intimately to us about peoples
 - Gen. 2:21-23 - This is how the gifts area activated. You see fearing God and loving God go together. You can't say you love someone and don't fear consequences for breaking love.

- You won't find your purpose and destiny until you respond to His breathing presence calling you. He calls and leads you into the battle of relationships. Then He speaks intimately to you. While you are interconnected and accountable to others. Read Gen 2:17
- As we commit a closer relationship with other then He reveals more to you about them. Read Gen. 2:23
- God's looking for you for a specific reason.
- But will you give him all your mind and tares so He can speak to you in the battle for others.
- We mature in love on the battlefield reaching for others (pass out oil)
- But I need to get my full mind back to properly respond to love and God's breathing presence.

Your mind is not the devil's playground. It's God's garden designed to operate His word and live through me.

So we attract the breathing presence of God.

- 1.) Repentance and humility
- 2.) Faith in God's merciful love
- 3.) Obedience to God's word
- 4.) Worship and praise
- 5.) Servant love to others
- 6.) Speaking out the word of faith

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