

THE MIND AND THE ROLE IT PLAYS IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Proverbs 23:7

1. The mind is the place where: thinking, reasoning, attitude, and what we value is determined which in turn dictates how we live and the direction our life takes.
2. It should be no surprise to us then that the Word of God places great emphasis upon the mind of the child of God, because, as a man thinketh so he is.
3. The mind plays such an important part in the life of a Christian, more than you may understand and think.
4. In Amos 3:3 God asks the question:
Read the context to get a better appreciation of the significance of the question.
5. Jesus gave an astounding invitation to a few fishermen in Matt. 4:18-22, amazingly He continues to give this invitation to us today. What **must** be understood by us as well as the early disciples is “if” we would choose to answer this call to follow Jesus we need to REPENT. Define repentance:
6. To follow Jesus demands an initial repentance and a continual repentance. This is made clear in the teaching that Jesus gave to His disciples (and us) in Matthew 5-7.
Note the areas in His teaching that call for a radical change in the way we think:
 - 1)
 - 2)
 - 3)
 - 4)
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 - 8)
 - 9)
 - 10)
7. What are the reasons for the need of this radical change in the way we think?
8. What our mind is like in its “natural state”

Romans 8:4-8

Ephesians 2:1-3

Colossians 1:21

9. The change; renewing; and process:

1st

2nd Romans 12:1-2 & Ephesians 5:25-27

3rd Making a conscious choice Phil. 2:1-8; Col. 3:1-2

4th Fighting the ongoing battle for it is a battle for the mind! 2Cor. 10:3-5
As exemplified in Gen. 3:1-6

5th Practical application: Phil. 4:6-8; Heb. 11:15-16 (every Christian has 3 cities to contend with)

6th The tragic results of compromise in battle