

FORWARD: MOVING FORWARD IN YOUR MIND

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Philippians 3:12-14 NKJ

Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Proverbs 23:7 NKJ

For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. "Eat and drink!" he says to you, but his heart is not with you.

Romans 12:2 NKJ

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:2 NLT

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

James 1:6-8 NKJ

But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Moving Forward in Your Mind:

1. Exchange my carnal mind for a spiritual mind.

Romans 8:5-8 NKJ

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJ

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

1 Corinthians 2:13-16 NKJ

These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 NKJ

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ...

STRONGHOLD: a spiritual fortress constructed to keep something out, as well as protect something within

You Break Strongholds By:

1. Reading the Word
2. Speaking the Word
3. Meditating on the Word
4. Fellowshiping with people of the Word

GUILT: You feel badly about what you did!

SHAME: You are a bad person!

2. Exchange worldly philosophy for Christ philosophy.

RIGHTEOUSNESS and **JUSTICE**

Psalm 89:14 NKJ

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; mercy and truth go before Your face.

Psalm 97:2 NKJ

Clouds and darkness surround Him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.

Psalm 33:5 NKJ

He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

RIGHTEOUSNESS: LIVING RIGHT – conforming to a moral code predicated by God’s Word

JUSTICE: DOING RIGHT – correcting the injustices of society; defending the poor and marginalized

Worldly Philosophy: survival of the fittest

Christ Philosophy: empowerment of the least

Worldly Philosophy: separates people based on race, culture, education and achievement

Christ Philosophy: joins people in equality through the redemption of the cross

Worldly Philosophy: uses worldly possessions to drive you to be successful

Christ Philosophy: uses eternal values to motivate you to significance

Worldly Philosophy: value is measured by money, position and

what people say about you

Christ Philosophy: value is measured by changed lives, advancement of the Kingdom and what God says about you

Worldly Philosophy: focus is on building up self-esteem and feeling good about yourself and your accomplishments

Christ Philosophy: focus is on building up Christ-esteem and feeling good about doing His will

Worldly Philosophy: "I'm in control of my own destiny."

Christ Philosophy: "I must yield control of my destiny to God."

Worldly Philosophy: "There is no absolute truth; therefore, whatever I deem to be true is just as valid as what you deem to be true."

Christ Philosophy: "God's Word is truth; therefore, whatever I deem to be true has to be submitted to what the Word of God says."

Worldly Philosophy: "Social morality is based on popular opinion and what I feel is right or wrong."

Christ Philosophy: "Social morality is based on God's opinion regardless of what the world or I feel is right or wrong."

Worldly Philosophy: Live life to the fullest.

Christ Philosophy: Live in Christ to the fullest!

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3. Let go of the past and embrace the future.

Galatians 3:26-29 NKJ

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the

promise.

Galatians 4:4-7 NKJ

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.