

10 Ways to Win as a Man

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A Man & His Mind

“Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” **Isaiah 43:18-19**

“If you want to go to places you’ve never been before, you have to think in ways you have never thought before.” – Ken Blanchard

❖ Think Clearly

- Every thought you have shapes your life
 - **2 Tim. 1:7**, *For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*
 - **Philip. 2:5**, *Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus..*
 - Let allows, chooses, gives permission to the total love and power of the Creator.
 - The profoundly simple word LET is that gate that opens to that power. It gives God permission to work His might in us.
- The Biblical Perspective:
 - **2 Tim. 3:16-17**, *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*
- The Theological Position:
 - **Isaiah 55:8-11**, *“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. “For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.*
 - Too often when it comes to the things of God, we allow someone else to do our thinking for us... and that leads us down a path of great difficulty.

❖ Think Carefully

- **Romans 12:1-3**, *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 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. For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.*
- **Proverbs 14:12 (& 16:25)**, *There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.*
- **Proverbs 23:7**, *For as he thinks in his heart, so is he...*

❖ Think Correctly

- **Philip. 4:8**, *Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.*
 - Thoughts that keep me close: true, noble, honest, just
 - Thoughts that keep me clean: pure, lovely, of good report

- Nobody changes until the pain of staying the same is greater than the pain of change. Thoughts lead to actions...
 - “For most of my life, I didn’t think about what I was thinking about. I simply thought whatever fell into my head. I had no revelation that Satan could inject thoughts into my mind. Much of what was in my head was either lies that Satan was telling me, or just plain nonsense, things that really were not worth spending my time thinking about. The devil was controlling my life because he was controlling my thoughts.” – Joyce Meyer
- **2 Cor 10:3-5** *“For although we live in the flesh, we do not wage war according to the flesh, since the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but are powerful through God for the demolition of strongholds. We demolish arguments and every proud thing that is raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ.”*

Demonic Reasoning	Divine Revelation
Bondage	Blessing
Worry	Worship
Fear	Faith
Darkness	Light
Death	Life
Jealous Spirit	Joyful Spirit
Skeptical	Supernatural
Satan	Savior
Self	Scriptures

- Too many people... Expect little. Ask for little. Work for little. Dream of little. Pray for little. Receive little.
 - **Isaiah 43:19**, *“Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.”*
 - **John 14:13**, *“Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”*
- There is danger in waiting to obey the Lord.
 - Next week, day, service.. is too late; the moment after the service is too late.
 - The moment after a man dies he knows how he should have lived... sobering.
 - Even right now, the majority of us know what we are to do, but many of us have a MINDSET that refuses to take God at His Word by faith and trust Him for what He desires to do in our lives.
 - **Deut. 30:11-20**, *Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, “Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?” Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, “Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?” No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.”*
- A. W. Tozer said, “What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”
 - A riddle: I can make a huge impact on you... I can make you rise or fall. I can work for you or against you. I can make you a success or failure. I control the way you feel and the way you act. I can make you laugh... work... love. I can make your heart sing with joy... excitement... elation. Or I can make you wretched... dejected... morbid. I can make you sick... listless. I can be as a shackle... heavy... attached... burdensome. Or I can be as the prism’s hue... dancing... bright... fleeting... lost forever unless captured by pen or purpose. I can be nurtured and grown to be great and beautiful... seen by the eyes of others through action in you. I can never be removed... only replaced. I am a thought, why not know me better?