

that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ." (1 Corinthians 2:16)

God has given us His Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will teach us to think like Christ. He will lead us into all truth.

However, we must remember that the Holy Spirit will **NEVER** contradict the **Bible!** In Acts 17: 10-11, the Holy Spirit through the pen of Luke, commends the Bereans for testing the preaching of the Apostle Paul with the Scriptures.

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come." (John 16:13)

"These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." (Acts 17:11)

If we want to be Christ-like in our thinking, we will need to know the truth.

"Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;" (1 Peter 1:13)

"Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth..." (Ephesians 6:14)

We learn truth from God's Word. As a matter of fact, God's Word **IS TRUTH!**

"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." (John 17:17)

To think like God, we must realize that we cannot separate Jesus from the Bible. Jesus is Truth! The Word of God is Truth! Once we conclude that we cannot really "love" Jesus without "loving" His Word, we will be on the road to thinking like Him.

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6)

Lastly, the Bible even gives us practical and simple advice about what we should be setting our thoughts on. It tells us what we should think about.

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." (Philippians 4:8)

Bottom Line

The solution to **"WRONG THINKING"** is to meditate on God's Word, and God's Word is found in the **Holy Bible!**

God has given us the "mind of Christ". May our desire be to give up our way of thinking for the Truth.

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**We Don't
Think
Right**

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"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. ⁽⁹⁾ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:8-9)

In the passage above, God tells us that His ways and thoughts are infinitely superior to ours. And our thoughts and ways are **NOT** correct... they are **NOT right!**

The next two sections will demonstrate some examples of how differently we think compared to God.

WE DON'T THINK RIGHT!

Our Thoughts

God's Thoughts

How To Think Like Christ

Man is by nature good!

Man's way is to believe that people are basically good and only need more education and social training.



Man is evil to the core!

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?"
(Jeremiah 17:9)

Riches bring security and leisure!

Man thinks that building wealth and creating a "nest-egg" provides a secure life.



Fools trust in riches!

"But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" (Luke 12:20)

The wealthy get what they want!

Man thinks the rich and powerful are blessed, they can have what they desire.



The poor in spirit get Heaven!

"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:3)

Pity the mourner!

Man says, we should feel sorrowful for those who have lost a loved one.



God's comfort blesses the mourner!

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." (Matthew 5:4)

Good people are rewarded!

Man thinks that living godly lives should bring us success, notoriety and respect. Right living certainly won't bring suffering!



Godly people receive trouble!

"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."
(2 Timothy 3:12)

The master is the greatest!

Man thinks that the greatest is the one in the highest rank. The master of the servant is greater than the servant.



The servant is the greatest!

"But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant." (Matthew 23:11)

We have a right to life!

Man thinks that we should do everything possible to preserve and make our life better.



We should lose our life!

"Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it." (Luke 17:33)

I pray that the few examples listed previously will help us to see how very different our thoughts are from God's.

What is the solution? How can we begin to think in a way that pleases the Lord?

Praise God! He has made His Word available to us and it is filled with wisdom! The answer is to start **READING the Bible!** As you read God's Word and humble yourself in prayer, you will become acquainted with **God's ways.**

Here are a few things that the Bible has to say about "thinking like God":

God wants to make His Church holy by washing it with the water of His Word! This includes helping us think like Him.

"That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,"
(Ephesians 5:26)

God has given us access to the "mind of Christ". We learn about Jesus and how He lived, thought and acted, by **READING the BIBLE!**

"For who hath known the mind of the Lord,