



Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. Proverbs 4:23

keeping the heart with all diligence against **evil thoughts**

Sunday Bible Hour - 28 April 2013

introduction

The heart is the seat of our _____, _____, _____ and _____

scope

- I. Definitions
- II. Thinking Process
- III. What The Bible Says About Our Thoughts
- IV. How Satan Corrupts The Mind
- V. What The Bible Says We Need To Do After Salvation
- VI. What Should I Do If I Have Evil Thoughts

definitions

For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

Matthew 15:19

Evil

adjective

Having bad qualities of a moral kind, to be unjust , injurious, to cheat.; wicked; corrupt; perverse; wrong.

Thoughts

noun

That which the mind thinks, the act or operation of the mind; An idea; Something framed by the imagination; Reflection, particular consideration; Opinion; Judgment; Meditation; Serious consideration; Design; Purpose.

An evil thought therefore is any thought (or object of thought that is unjust or injurious, or has an intention to cheat, is wicked, corrupt , or perverse) that turns away from the right.

input

throughput

output



our thought process

Input

noun

Referring to all the _____, _____, _____, _____ and _____ that we happen to us, or is received through our senses (hearing, seeing, tasting, touching, smelling)

Throughput

noun

The quantity of raw material or information processed or communicated in a given period, especially by a computer

Output

noun

Refers to our words, actions, attitudes, direction, philosophy and beliefs as a result of the processing of what has gone into our minds

Implications

- I. Be careful what you put into your mind (1 Thessalonians 5:22)
- II. Be careful how you think on the inputs (Luke 8:18)
- III. Be watchful as to how the outputs come (Proverbs 18:17)

Thinking allows beings to make sense of or model the world in different ways, and to represent or interpret it in ways that are significant to them, or which accord with their needs, attachments, objectives, plans, commitments, ends and desires

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what the Bible says about thoughts

- I. The thought life, as an unbeliever is _____ Genesis 6:5; Isaiah 65:2
- II. The thought life, as an unbeliever is _____ of _____ Psalms 10:4; Romans 3:11
- III. The thought life, as an unbeliever is _____ Ephesians 4:17
- IV. The thought life, as an unbeliever is with their _____ Ephesians 4:18

how satan corrupts the mind

Preliminary thoughts

- I. Satan is a _____ (John 8:44), _____ (Revelations 9:11), _____ (John 10:10), _____ people (2 Corinthians 4:4), the spirit that now works in the children of _____ (Ephesians 2:2)

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II. All children are born with a _____ nature
(Psalms 51:1; Psalm 58:5)

III. We need to understand the process of corruption and stem the process so that we can control our thought life

IV. In Genesis 3:1, we learn:

A. Satan will come to _____

B. Satan plans his _____

C. Satan attacks the foundation of _____

1. The word of God (Psalms 19:8)

2. He goes for the _____

D. Satan plans an _____ : a _____ (Genesis 3:2-3)

E. Once he plans an engagement, he tells _____ / _____ (Genesis 3:4)

F. He appeals to the _____ of man (Genesis 3:5)

G. Notice the _____: saw means advise self, consider, discern, perceive, regard, think.
(Genesis 3:6)

H. Notice the _____ (Genesis 3:6)

what the Bible says we need to do after salvation

I. _____ yourselves to God (Romans 12:1)

II. _____ your mind (Romans 12:2)

- III. Put off the _____ (Ephesians 4:21 - 24)
- IV. _____ is the key (Romans 13:14; Psalms 119:9)
- V. Be _____ (1 Peter 2:11; 1 Corinthians 15:33; Job 31:1; Psalms 101:3; 1 Thessalonians 5:22)
- VI. _____ on the Lord's words (Deuteronomy 6:6; Psalms 119:104)
- VII. Read _____ (2 Timothy 4:13)
- VIII. The reason why evil thoughts remain with us is because we _____ on it, we _____ it (Jeremiah 6:19)
- IX. Think only on _____ (Philippians 4:8)

what should i do if i have evil thoughts?

- I. Recognise evil thoughts and call them what they are _____ (Psalm 139:23, 24 / Acts 8:18- 24)
- II. _____ and ask the Lord to _____ the evil thought
- III. Identify the _____ of the evil thought:
- IV. Search the Bible for verses that deal with these areas and commit the verses to memory. (2 Timothy 3:16)
- V. Obey the Bible _____ (Psalms 119:9)
 - A. Do it i _____
 - B. Do it even though we do not _____ it

C. Do it _____

D. Do it with the aim to glorify God and to overcome the thought life that is evil

VI. Learn to develop a _____ of God in the areas that you are weak at (*Proverbs 16:6*)

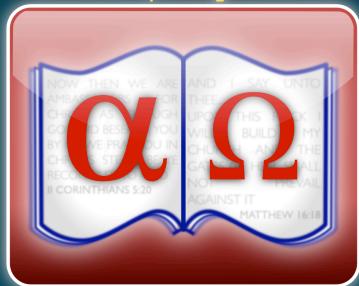
VII. Practise the category above diligently

personal reflection and application

*Sow a thought and you reap an action;
Sow an act and you reap a habit;
Sow a habit and you reap a character;
Sow a character and you reap a destiny.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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"...be ye **reconciled** to GOD!"
II Corinthians 5:20

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