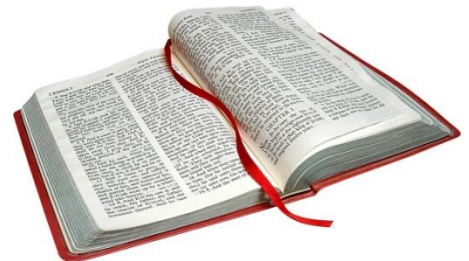




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# Thinking Like A Christian

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bringing every thought into captivity  
to the obedience of Christ  
2 Corinthians 10:5

# The Christian's Mind

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- Christians often think about their body [body building], but not their mind [mind building] (2 Cor. 10:5; 11:3)
- The world has a mind different from the Christian

# Why Develop the Mind?

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1. God has commanded it (Mk. 12:30)
2. Unbelief is militant today (2 Tim. 3:8)
3. The renewing of the mind is a continual process (Rom. 12:2; Eph. 4:23)

# Why Develop the Mind?

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4. The new covenant laws are to be written on the heart and mind (Heb. 8:10; 10:16)
5. Christians are to be disciplined: to have the mind of Christ (Phil. 2:5; 1 Pet. 4:1) and to think a certain way (Phil. 4:7-8)

# How To Develop the Mind

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- Know the scriptures (Acts 17:11)
- Study culture (Rom. 1:28; 2 Cor. 3:14; 4:4; Eph. 4:17; Col. 1:21; 1 Tim. 6:5; Tit. 1:15)
- Analyze events theologically

# How To Develop the Mind

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- Does the Bible speak (generically or specifically) to this issue?
- Does this issue violate absolute standards of morality or value?
- How have Christians dealt with this issue?

# How To Develop the Mind

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- Know the scriptures
- Study culture
- Analyze events theologically
- Adopt a Christian “worldview”



# How To Develop the Mind

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- God is
- Jesus Christ died for the sins of mankind
- The Bible contains the revealed word of God and absolute truth

# How To Develop the Mind

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- We are made in the image of God
- Sin is a violation of God's law
- History is linear moving to a judgment
- There are two eternal destinies after death

# What is Christian Thinking?

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- Spiritually, not fleshly (Rom. 8:5-7; see Mt. 16:23; 1 Cor. 2:16; Eph. 2:3; Col. 2:18)
- Humbly, not proudly (Acts 20:19)
- Maturally, not immaturally (1 Cor. 14:20)

# What is Christian Thinking?

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- Heavenly, not earthly (Col. 3:2; Phil. 3:15, 19)
- Soberly, not recklessly (Tit. 2:2, 5, 6)
- Sincerely, not hypocritically (2 Pet. 3:1)

# What is Christian Thinking?

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- Wisely, not foolishly (Rev. 17:9)
- Your mind matters! Are you thinking like a Christian?