

The Mind of Christ



"..for we have the mind of Christ." 1 Corinthians 2:16 NLT

Welcome! This lesson starts big - really big. Start by reading 1 Corinthians 2:16 above. Read it again. And again slowly. This time out loud. Now one more time. This verse (just like all of God's Word) has the power to change your life! The first time it caught ahold of me, I skimmed over it as I was 'diligently' completing my Bible study homework. All of a sudden Holy Spirit put a halt in my spirit. I had just skimmed over a verse that is key to victorious Christian living. Right then I knew He was leading me back to dwell, meditate on and ponder the riches of this verse. Now then, with that in mind, go ahead and read it one more time. Do as I did and sit with it for a few quiet moments. *Take your time...we'll wait!*

In the space below, rewrite the verse replacing "we" with your name:

*Speak it out loud.
Sounds good doesn't it?!!*



Start imagining (feel/see) what the mind of Christ in you looks like.

- What should my thoughts be?
- How do I make decisions?
- What ideas do I dwell on?

Let's take a nice deep look at the parts of this verse!

"...for we have the mind of Christ."

to have, hold, possess, hold fast, lay hold of, to adhere to or cling

Take a look at the verse rewritten to use some of the above definitions:

the faculties of perceiving, understanding, feeling, judging, determining, perceiving divine things, recognizing goodness, hating evil, judging soberly, calmly, impartially, thoughts, feelings, purposes & desires

I possess, adhere and cling to the understanding, feeling, determining, perceiving of divine things, calm & impartial judgment, thoughts, purposes and desires of Christ!

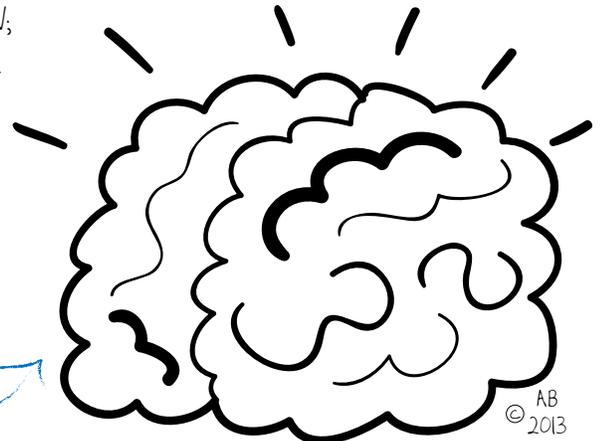
Wow, doesn't that rock your world?!! Because of God's free gift to us, we are the current possessors of the mind of Jesus Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed One, the Prince of Peace, King of Kings and Lord of Lords Himself! This isn't some hocus-pocus, far off promise for some other time. This is a promise for NOW; for every believer! This promise is for: _____

Mind of Christ Checklist:

- Be joyful always Pray continually
- Give thanks in all circumstances
- Love God with all your heart, soul, mind & strength
- Love your neighbor as yourself

*Sound familiar?
See 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
and Mark 12:29-31 for more!*

Fill in the brain with all the different areas of your life that you'd like God to renew unto the mind of Christ. Take a moment to pray over these areas right now.



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Let's start page 2 with a word of prayer. Father, we thank you so much that you have given us the free gift of salvation through your Son Jesus Christ. Father, thank you because of that gift we get to live in victory while here on earth. Thank you for this time of study with you. Holy Spirit please continue to enlighten Your Word to me. We boldly declare we have the mind of Christ and we thank you for this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Now let's get straight to work as we still have a lot to cover!

The mind of Christ is a precious gift we receive as a result of our born again nature. We receive it by faith just as we did salvation. God wants to see us overcoming in all areas of our lives and the mind of Christ plays a large part in that victory.

Let's take a look at a verse that will teach us how to keep our minds clean!

"...throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes." Ephesians 4:22-23



It's like clothing! You wouldn't put on a new party dress over old rags. You gotta take off the old rags (wrong thinking) and put on the new party dress (mind of Christ).

Did you catch the two steps mentioned in maintaining the mind of Christ?

1) Throw off your old sinful nature and former way of life 2) Let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes

↳ No longer identify with it - it's not who you are! ↳ Check out Romans 12:2 for more on this!

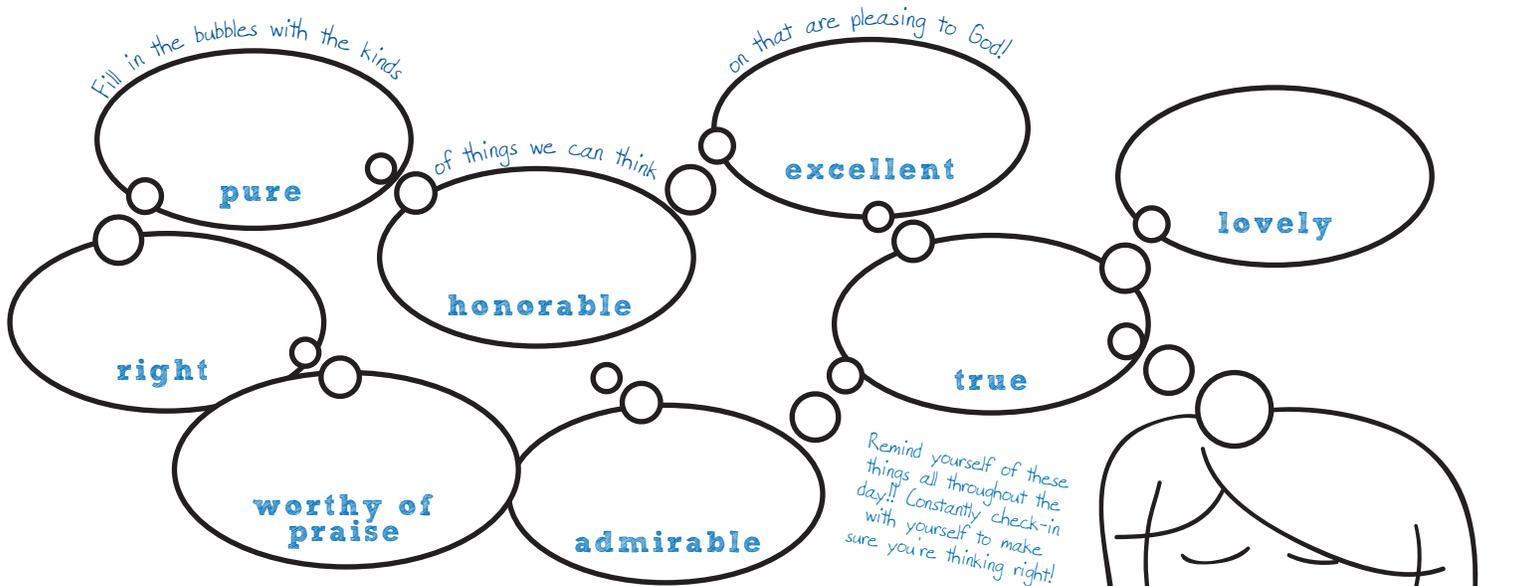


Close your eyes and imagine (feel/see) yourself in a sticky situation where old patterns of thinking have come up. Now hear yourself saying, "I no longer think like that. I have the mind of Christ and I dwell on thoughts that are pleasing to Him!" How good did that feel?! Now when you're faced with a similar situation in your day to day life, you'll be ready to respond with the mind of Christ!

Now that we know we must no longer identify with our old patterns of thinking, let me show you what we must fill our new minds up with!

"And now, dear brothers and sisters, let me say one more thing...Fix your thoughts on what is true and honorable and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise."

Philippians 4:8NLT



Additional "Mind" Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 2:5-15, John 17:17

Congratulations! If there were a mind of Christ trophy, I'd give it to you. Constantly renew your mind unto His

Word and enjoy the process of being transformed. God is with you every step of the way!

Now please do me one last favor and boldly declare, "I have the mind of Christ!"

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