**R865 Rumination for 22nd August, 2021 by K.C. Ung**

The **T**heme: **As A Man Thinks, so is he.**[berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com/)

The **T**ext: *For as* ***h****e thinketh in* ***h****is* ***h****eart, so is* ***h****e:* Pro.23:7

The **T**hots:

Intro: The **P**roverb: *For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:*

 The **P**icture: *Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.* Pro.23:7

Three **P**arts to a **P**erson’s **P**ersonality are involved, viz. The **H**ead (Mind), The **H**eart and The **H**uman He is.

1. **What a Person Thinks in His Head (Mind) so will he be –**
2. The **U**se of “***Mind***” as **R**elated in **S**cripture.
3. **In the O.T.** – *mind* refers to what is in the **H**ead of a person, much like a person’s **T**houghts.
4. As A **F**ool **T**alks out his **T**houghts without much **T**hinking. Pro. 29:11

*A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards.*

1. As the **F**aithful **T**rusts the Lord **F**ocusing his **T**houghts on Him Who will keep him in **P**erfect **P**eace.

*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in Thee.*

 Isa, 26:3

1. **In the Gospels:** a person’s *mind* (Gk. *dianoia*) is mostly **H**ighlighted with a person’s **H**eart. Mt. 22:37
2. *Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.*
3. *He… has scattered the proud in the thoughts* [mind] *of their hearts.* Lk. 1:51, NRSV
4. **In Paul’s Epistles:**

Paul used two words for “mind”: *phronēma* = “understanding/mind” and *nous* = “mind/intellect”

1. He **D**istinguishes “*the mind*” (Gk. *nous*, 1 Cor. 14:14-19-) from the spirit and the heart of a person.

It **P**ossesses the ability to understand and to reason; it is the seat of intelligence.

1. Elsewhere, he **D**efines “*mind*” (Gk. *phronēma,* Rom. 8:6-9)as the entire **M**ental and **M**oral being of a **P**erson – he **C**larifies that a person’s **C**haracter depends on how that person **C**ontrols his or her mind:
* The mind can be **C**arnally **C**ontrolled by the flesh or **S**piritually controlled by the **S**pirit. Rom. 8:6-9

*For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.*

* by the flesh *- Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.*
* or by the Spirit - *But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His.* Rom. 8:9
* **What Thinketh ye?** –

A **H**uman (person) is what He **T**hinks in His **H**ead - his **T**houghts are the expression of his **H**eart.

***For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:***

* Therefore **THINK** Phil. 4:8

*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.*

* And **DO -** Phil. 4:9a

*Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me,* ***DO:***

* And ye you shall **HAVE** **P**erfect **P**eace – *and the God of peace shall be with you.* Phil. 4:9b
1. The **U**nderstanding of “Mind” in the **R**ole of **S**ervice
2. The **P**riority to **L**ove the **L**ord with **A**ll that we **A**re. Mt. 22:37, 38

*Jesus said…Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul,*

*and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.*

1. The **P**resent to the Lord of **A**ll that we **A**re. Rom. 12:1, 2

*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God,*

1. *that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice,*

*holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

1. *And be not conformed to this world:*
2. *but be ye transformed by the renewing of your* ***mind****,*
3. *that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*
4. **What a Person Thinks in His Heart so will he be –** Matt. 15:18-20
5. What a Person **T**hinks in his **M**ind may Proceed out his **M**outh and they may Defile him.
*But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.*
6. What a Person **T**hinks in his **H**eart may be **T**ainted **T**houghts:

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

1. What come from **I**nside a **P**erson may **P**ollute him Outside rather than what goes **I**n.

*These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man*

* Therefore, take care what you think!*.*

**Con.** You are **P**resent at the Lord’s Supper **P**resumably to **R**emember the Lord

What are you **Thinking**, what are your **Thoughts**, what Goes through your **Mind**?

**Take Care:** *For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:*

 *Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.* Pro.23:7

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK. R. 865**

1. Another well-known saying goes like this: "*an idle mind is the devil's workshop*".

This popular proverb means that those who do not have worthwhile or constructive things to think about may turn their minds to mischief or some misdeed. The proverb dates from before 1602 in W. Person's Treatise of Callings.

When a person has nothing to think about in his mind, malicious and mischievous thoughts may creep into his mind leading him to do things unworthy of him. Yes, the devil is walking about ever seeking to implant his devilish thoughts into a person’s mind to do things that may cause mischief and disrepute to his character.

There are three areas in a person’s personality that he must ever keep clean and holy for God, viz. the mind, the thoughts and the heart in order that God may use him. This was what David cautioned Solomon when He appointed him to build the temple for God’s habitation.

I Chr. 28:9 – *And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve Him with a perfect* ***heart*** *and with a willing* ***mind****: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the* ***thoughts****: if thou seek Him, He will be found of thee; but if thou forsake Him, he will cast thee off for ever.*

To be involved in any project for God, one’s heart needs to be perfect and in right relationship with Him; one must have a willing **heart** to do it as unto Him; and a **mind** to be occupied with Him to know His **thoughts** so that he can perform His will through him.

Thus, Jehovah demanded of His people, Israel – Deut. 6:5

*And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine* ***heart****, and with all thy* ***soul****, and with all thy* ***might***.

And Jesus, Himself demanded it of all those who would follow Him in a similar vein –

Mk. 12:30: *And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with* ***all thy******heart****, and with* ***all thy******soul****, and with* ***all thy******mind****, and with* ***all thy******strength****: this is the first commandment.*

He also asked His disciples and Peter: Matt. 16:13-16

*When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, Whom do men* ***say*** *that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some* ***say*** *that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom* ***say*** *ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God –* what they said was the expression of their Thinking and Thoughts!

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What do you think of Christ? What you express in words is what you think of Him in your mind and in your heart. What can you say to *What* ***think*** *ye of Christ*? **REFLECT**

1. After Peter’s denial of Jesus three times when He was on trial, to restore him, Jesus asked Him three times also to say it out loud and clear, Jn. 21:17

*He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou Me?*

*Peter was grieved because He said unto him the third time, Lovest thou Me?*

*And he said unto Him,* ***Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love Thee****.*

*Jesus saith unto him, Feed My sheep.*

Jesus looks into your Mind, into your Thoughts, into your Thinking right into your Heart and asks you, “*Lovest thou Me more than this*?” What is your response? **REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder:** *What you Think is what you are! What Say You?*