

Getting Your Mind Set
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Satan knows that if he controls what goes into your mind that he can affect what goes on in your mind.

Christian, you need to have a mind whose direction and thoughts are always pleasing to Christ! How can you have such a mind?

Evaluate everything viewed, read, and listened to with this in mind.

1. Ask, “What choices will what I’m thinking on lead to?” Mark 7:21–22

How will it train your...

- 1) Desires? Marital faithfulness? “*adulteries, fornications*”
- 2) Work ethic? “*thefts, covetousness*”
- 3) Truthfulness? “*deceit*”
- 4) Decency/self-control? “*lewdness*”
- 5) View of things? “*evil eye*”
- 6) Tongue? “*blasphemies*” (“OMG”)
- 7) Attitude before/toward others? “*pride*”
- 8) Walk with the Lord? “*foolishness*”

2. Your mind should not be conformed to this world but transformed into Christ’s image, Rom 8:29; 12:1–2

3. Discipline and enslave your body so it is consistent with and supportive of true religion, 1 Cor 9:24–27

4. Purposefully guide and guard your mind toward Christ, 2 Cor 10:5 “*every thought captive*”

5. Is this something the Lord Jesus died to save you from or to? Gal 1:4

6. What is motivating what you’re about to allow your mind to dwell on, your sin nature or the Holy Spirit? Gal 5:16

1) The idea here is what controls and governs you—who is directing your heart and mind

2) What controls your affections?

3) What controls your decisions?

4) Is what your mind is thinking on consistent with the deeds of the sin nature or the fruits of the Spirit?

5) What your mind dwells on will affect your heart, and what your heart is like your life will be like, Prov 4:23;

6) The more you feed the flesh, the hungrier it gets—so KILL it by STARVING it!!!!

7. Will this grieve the Spirit? Eph 4:30

8. Will it please Christ? Your objective must be to please Christ, not yourself. Eph 5:10

9. Is this the *best* use of the limited time you have? Eph 5:16

10. A Christ-like mind that stands firm in the gospel with the church is the result of what it dwells on, Phil 4:8.
- 1) Ask, “What is my mind dwelling on?”
 - 2) Ask, “Is my mind dwelling on *these* things?”
11. Keep your mind always ready for action, under control, focused exclusively on Christ and his return, as holy as God is, 1 Pet 1:13–16
- 1) Practically, what comes to mind in certain situations? Scripture, or other things?
 - 2) Your mind must be ready for action, not amusements
12. Keep your mind always ready for and in the spirit of prayer, Eph 6:18; 1 Pet 4:7
- 1) “Pray without ceasing,” 1 Thess 5:17
 - 2) You don’t know when you will get called to deal with a situation, so you must always be ready to pray
13. Is what you’re feeding your mind/heart strengthening, reinforcing, consistent with and supportive of Christian virtue, character, activity, modesty, values, etc.? 2 Pet 1:5–9
- Parents, you can and must control what’s in your home, you are responsible for training hearts
 - Yes, we do live and work among those given to the world, but why intentionally and purposefully bring that into your mind/heart/home? Why use for our meditation?
14. Christ could return at any moment; what will you want him to find you thinking on? 1 John 2:28–3:3

How much of the ways/thinking of the **world** entering and influencing your heart and mind?

How much of the ways/thinking of **God** are entering and influencing your heart and mind?