

To Love the Lord Thy God - Mentally, part 2 quotes

1 Mental cleansing involves purifying all the processes connected with our mind. These processes would include all our thoughts, decisions, will power, imaginations, etc.

“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he”. Proverbs 23:7.

Whatever we think and dwell upon is what we eventually will become. Our thoughts give rise to actions, repeated actions develop into habits, and it is by our habits that our characters are formed either for good or bad. This is why the mind must be cleansed first so that it will then be the means of correcting and cleansing all our actions, habits and our character.

2 What do we need to cleanse our mind from? While we were unconverted, our mental processes and character could be described as follows:

“But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him”. Daniel 5:20.

“...vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind...” Colossians 2:18.

“The sacrifice of the wicked is abomination: how much more, when he bringeth it with a wicked mind?” Proverbs 21:27.

“And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.” Romans 1:28-32.

“This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind...because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness....corrupt according to the deceitful lusts...lying,...steal[ing]...corrupt communication...bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and damour, and evil speaking...” Ephesians 4:17-19, 22, 25, 28-29, 31.

Who is the source of all such wickedness in mental processes as these?

“And you...who were dead in trespasses and sins: Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.” Ephesians 2:1-3.

3 This unconverted mental condition is even found among those of us who profess to know God!

“...unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.” Titus 1:15-17.

This unrighteous defiled and Satanic condition of the unconverted mind is alienated from God and is His enemy!

“...walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God...” Ephesians 4:17-18.

“And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works”. Colossians 1:21.

4 What must we do in order to cleanse our mind from being under the control and rulership of Lucifer and then from being connected with all these wicked things, so that we are no longer alienated from God as His enemies, but can then become a proper Sanctuary and Temple for God to dwell in?

“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus”. Philippians 2:5.

What was the mind of Christ like?

“And I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed for ever.” 1 Samuel 2:35.

“Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.” Psalms 40:7-8.

5 This mental cleansing is a continual process of allowing your mind to be transformed from how Lucifer had you thinking and acting, into now how God wants you to think and act.

“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” Romans 12:2.

Realize that what God requires of His sons and daughters, He will divinely help each and every one of you to perform!

“And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouceable in his sight: If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel”. Colossians 1:21-23.

“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” 2 Timothy 1:7.

6 With such precious promises and assurances then you really have nothing to fear or worry about as this cleansing process of your mind continues forward to completion.

“And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.” Mark 10:27.

“Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.” Mark 9:23.

“And Jesus said unto them...verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.” Matthew 17:20.

“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” Philippians 4:13.

7 You will achieve a full and complete cleansing and renewal of your mind through Christ which strengthens you! This is because God Himself promises it!

“This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk...That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness....speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil. Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption....And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.” Ephesians 4:17, 22-30, 32.

“(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ”. 2 Corinthians 10:4-5.

“Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.” 1 Peter 1:13-16.

“Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.” 1 Peter 4:1-2.

“Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful....And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.” Colossians 3:12-15, 17.

8 If you really put forth all your best efforts towards being cleansed, God will work in you to do the rest!

“Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have. For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.” 2 Corinthians 8:11-12.

“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ”. Philippians 1:6.