

WHAT REALLY MATTERS

Philippians 1:10 For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return.

The Improvement Of Our Thinking

What Influences Our Thoughts

The Devil Will _____ You

John 8:43 Why can't you understand what I am saying? It's because you can't even hear me!

44 For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.

45 So when I tell the truth, you just naturally don't believe me!

The World Will _____ You

Ephesians 4:17 With the Lord's authority I say this: Live no longer as the Gentiles do, for they are hopelessly confused.

18 Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him.

19 They have no sense of shame. They live for lustful pleasure and eagerly practice every kind of impurity.

20 But that isn't what you learned about Christ.

Your Problems Will _____ Your Thoughts

Psalms 10:1 O Lord, why do you stand so far away? Why do you hide when I am in trouble?

People Will _____ You

Matthew 5:11 "God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers.

You Will Be _____ With Yourself

Psalm 119:29 Keep me from lying to myself; give me the privilege of knowing your instructions.

God Will Make A Positive _____ In You

2 Corinthians 10:3 We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do.
4 We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments.
5 We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.

Ephesians 4:21 Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him,
22 throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception.
23 Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes.

How Do We Improve Our Thinking

_____ The Facts

We Will Never _____ Our Life Until We Change The Way We Think

How We Think About Things _____ How We Do Things

The Way We Think May Not Be Wrong But It Still _____ Problems

_____ Out The World

Romans 12:2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 8:5 Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit.

6 So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.

Your Thoughts

Philippians 4:6 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

7 Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

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

9 Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me— everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.

On Eternity

Colossians 3:1 Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand.

2 Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.

3 For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God.

4 And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory.

2 Peter 3:13 But we are looking forward to the new heavens and new earth he has promised, a world filled with God's righteousness.