

## YT Video- Why Renew Our Minds?

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### Text [ESV unless otherwise indicated]

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**1Co 2:15** The spiritual person judges all things but is himself to be judged by no one.

**1Co 2:16** "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" **But we have the mind of Christ.**

#### I. **The Carnal Mind**

- a. Cannot understand the mind of Yahweh:

**Sept Isa 40:13** **Who has known the mind of the Lord?** and who has been his counsellor, to instruct him?

**Isa 40:14** Or with whom has he taken counsel, and he has instructed him? or who has taught him judgment, or who has taught him the way of understanding.

- b. Double-minded

**Mat 6:24** **No man can serve two masters:** for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

**Jas 1:8** **A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.**

1. The term double-minded is translated from the Greek word "dipsuchos: G1374"
2. Such a person is wavering, uncertain, doubting, divided in interest
3. He is unstable in all his ways
4. He is trying to serve 2 masters, which is impossible

- c. Thoughts are vain:

**1Co 3:18** Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise.

**1Co 3:19** For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness,"

**1Co 3:20** and again, **"The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile."**

d. Blinded Mind

**KJV 2Co 4:3** *But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:*

**2Co 4:4** *In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

e. Reprobate Mind

**KJV Rom 1:28** *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.*

**Rom 1:29** *Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,*

**Rom 1:30** *Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,*

**Rom 1:31** *Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:*

**Rom 1:32** *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.*

f. The Anxious Mind

**Luk 12:29** *And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried.*

**Luk 12:30** *For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them.*

**Luk 12:31** *Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.*

g. The Doubting Mind

**Rom 14:23** *But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.*

h. The Defiled Mind

**Tit 1:15** *To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled.*

i. The Futile Mind

**Eph 4:17** *Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds.*

**Eph 4:18** *They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.*

**Eph 4:19** *They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.*

j. Vain Deceit

**Col 2:8** See to it that no one takes you captive by **philosophy and empty deceit**, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

k. Strongholds

**2Co 10:3** For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh.

2Co 10:4 For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy **strongholds**.

2Co 10:5 We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,

2Co 10:6 being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.

l. Alienated & Hostile

**Col 1:21** And you, who once were **alienated and hostile in mind**, doing evil deeds, Col 1:22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

m. Death & Enmity

**Rom 8:6** For **to be carnally minded is death**; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Rom 8:7 Because **the carnal mind is enmity against God**: for it is **not subject to the law of God**, neither indeed can be.

n. Perverted Values

**Isa 5:20** Woe unto them that **call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!**

o. Wise in their own sight

**Isa 5:21** Woe unto them that are **wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!**

p. Self-glory

**Jer 9:23** Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches,

Jer 9:24 but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD."

**Dan 4:30** The king spake, and said, **Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?**

*Dan 4:31 While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee.*

*Dan 4:32 And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.*

q. Unable to discern things of the Spirit:

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## II. His Thoughts Are Higher

*Isa 55:6 "Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near.*

*Isa 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*

*Isa 55:8 **For my thoughts [H4284] are not your thoughts, neither are your ways [H1870] my ways,** declares the LORD.*

*Isa 55:9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

### **H4284: machāshābāh / machāshebeth**

BDB Definition:

1) thought, device

1a) thought

1b) device, plan, purpose

1c) invention

### **H1870: derek**

BDB Definition:

1) way, road, distance, journey, manner

1a) road, way, path

1b) journey

1c) direction

1d) manner, habit, way

1e) of course of life (figuratively)

1f) of moral character (figuratively)

**Note:**

- a. **YAHWEH is saying that our way of thinking, planning, manner of life, habit, moral character are far below His standard.**
- b. **No one can understand His mindset:**

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*Isa 40:14 Or with whom has he taken counsel, and he has instructed him? or who has taught him judgment, or who has taught him the way of understanding.*

### III. The Mind of Christ

Yeshua

a. Trusted God

**Luk 22:42** saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done."

b. Glorified the Father

**Joh 17:4** I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.

c. Did His will

**Joh 4:34** Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work."

d. Humility & obedience

**Php 2:5** Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,  
**Php 2:6** who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

**Php 2:7** but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

**Php 2:8** And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

e. Compassion

**Mar 6:34** When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things.

f. Sought the lost

**Luk 19:9** And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham.

**Luk 19:10** For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

g. Diligent in prayer

**Luk 5:15** But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities.

**Luk 5:16** But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.

#### IV. How To Have The Mind of Christ?

- a. Present your bodies a living sacrifice
- b. Do not conform to this world
- c. Be transformed by the renewal of your mind:

**Rom 12:1** *I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.*

**Rom 12:2** *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

- d. The Son of God:

**1Jn 5:20** *And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.*

- e. The Holy Spirit:

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- f. Word of God: Sword of the Spirit

**Eph 6:17** *And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:*

- g. Word of God: judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart

**Heb 4:12** *For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

- h. Set Your Minds on Things of The Spirit

**Rom 8:5** *For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.*

**Rom 8:6** *For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.*

**Rom 8:7** *For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.*

**Rom 8:8** *Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*

*Rom 8:9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.*

i. Set Your Minds on Things Above

**Col 3:1** *If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.*

*Col 3:2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.*

*Col 3:3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.*

*Col 3:4 When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

j. Put to Death What is Earthly

**Col 3:5** **Put to death therefore what is earthly in you:** *sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.*

k. Walk With The Wise

**Pro 13:20** **Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.**

l. Listen To Instruction

**Pro 1:8** **Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching,**

*Pro 1:9 for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck.*

**Pro 23:12** *Apply your heart to instruction and your ear to words of knowledge.*

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“According to Dr. Steve Hicks, Discipleship Pastor at Lifespring Church in Bellevue, Nebraska (<http://lifespringchurch.com/>), believers are under a cosmic battle and much of this battle is centered in the mind. Speaking of the devil, known in Scripture as the deceiver, he says, "Unfortunately, too many fall prey to the roaring lion who seeks to destroy. The only way to have victory over the ploys of the deceiver is to [control every thought] in order to obey Christ. If we fail [to do this], the thinking and philosophies of this world will take us captive.”