

Purity of the Mind

Matthew 22:37

"Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'" Matthew 22:38 goes on to say, "This is the first and greatest commandment."

Therefore, we are commanded to love God with all are mind.

Here is a simple acronym to remember how to love God with all are Mind.

M - **My** - thoughts and perceptions will be focused on God

I - **Imagination** - fascinations, curiosities, and passions will not deceive me.

N - **Not** - my will, but His.

D - **Dominating** - I will NOT allow the enemy to control my thoughts.

The thoughts in our minds -We need to be pure in mind in order to love God

1 Corinthians 2:11 NIV

"For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God."

- We all know our own thought process.
- Those thoughts that get us off track.
- Those thoughts that allow compromise.

It's our thoughts that control our Purity. Some may say I'm married I'm pure; but even married people can get caught up in their thoughts. It takes a man/woman in love with the word of God to conquer the thoughts that run wild in his/her life.

Colossians 3:2 NIV

"Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."

- God has called us to set our minds on his will and not our flesh.
- God has called us to live a separated life.
- God has called us to keep our minds pure from sin.

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A person that surrenders his/her mind to God is a person that knows the mind is where Sin is birthed. Sin starts in our minds.

Ask any person that has fell into sin whether married or single how it started and s/he will tell you. I started imagining the sin first.

In closing:

John 10:10 NIV

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

God knows that all people struggle with thoughts that can cause them to face a setback. But He has also designed a plan that we would not have to face a setback but that we could move forward with His peace.

4 practical boundaries

1. Pray daily

A man/woman that prays is a man/woman that stays.

2. Read your word daily

Have you ever heard you are what you eat? If we eat the word we will be the word!

3. Be accountable to a leader

Notice I did not say to a friend? Friends sometimes tell us what we want to hear but a leader that loves us tells us what we need to hear.

4. Keep moving forward

Never allow your thoughts to get the best of you. No matter what keep moving forward. Remember, Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world.



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