

The Mind and the Role it Plays in the Christian Life

Proverbs 23:7

1. The mind is the place in which our thoughts, reasonings, attitudes, and values are determined, which in turn dictate the directions our lives take.
2. It should come as no surprise to us, then, that the Word of God places great emphasis upon the mind of the child of God, because as a man thinketh, so he is.
3. The mind plays an incredibly important part in the life of a Christian, more than you may understand and think.
4. In Amos 3:3, God asks what question? Read the context to get a better appreciation of the significance of the question:

5. Jesus gave an astounding invitation to a few fishermen in Matthew 4:18-22. Amazingly, he continues to give this invitation to us today. What must be understood by us—as it was by the early disciples—is if we choose to answer this call to follow Jesus, we need to **repent**. Define repentance:

6. To follow Him, Jesus demands an initial repentance and a continual repentance. This demand is made clear in the teaching that Jesus gave to His disciples—and us—in Matthew chapters 5-7. Note the areas in His teaching that call for a radical change in the way we think:
 - A)
 - B)
 - C)
 - D)
 - E)
 - F)
 - G)
 - H)
 - I)
 - J)

7. What are the reasons we need this radical change in our way of thinking?

8. What is our mind like in its natural state?

Romans 8:4-8

Ephesians 2:1-2

Colossians 1:21