



“Change Your Thoughts—Change Your World”

Philippians 4:8, 9

If you change your thoughts, you can change your world. Paul taught us, “Finally brother/sisters, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate (i.e. think) on these things...and the God of peace will be with you.” (Philippians 4:8, 9) We ultimately become who we think we are. Proverbs 23:7 says, “For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he.” What we dwell upon becomes how we behave. David writes in Psalm 119:59, “I thought about my ways, and turned my feet to your testimonies.”

We, unfortunately, live in a world in which negative thoughts seem to block us from the blessings, which God has already promised. We allow people, circumstances, conditions, and our own thoughts of impossibility to stunt our spiritual growth. The world into which Jesus was born should have molded and shaped Him into an “impossibility thinker.” He was a member of a despised minority; lived among oppressed people to whom freedom and education was unknown; had no illustrious name; had no connections (except He said, “He and God were close”); lived and died in poverty; never married; and had many other societal circumstances that should have made Him one to say —“It’s impossible.” He could have said it will never happen, it won’t work, or why bother to try.

These life, character-building experiences made Jesus the world’s greatest “possibility thinker.” His possibility thoughts changed His outlook on the world and allowed Him to do the will of His Father.

Jesus was quoted in Matthew, Mark and Luke as saying, **thinking** and believing the following:

1. “For with God all things are possible.” (Mark 10:27)
2. “The things which are impossible with men/women are possible with God. (Luke 18:27)
3. “All things are possible to those who believe.” (Mark 9:23)
4. “Father, all things are possible.” (Mark 14:36)
5. “If you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move...’ and nothing will be impossible.” (Matthew 17:20)
6. “With men it is impossible.” (Luke 1:37)
7. “With God all things are possible.” (Matthew 19:26)

When you change your thoughts to truly believing that all things are possible with God, your world will begin to change. Abraham left a very prosperous business to trust that God would lead him to a new land. When Gideon encountered the mind of God, he changed his entire thought process and became a great leader. All of those chosen by Jesus went through a mind and heart altering experience. One of the main characters of the New Testament not only had his thoughts changed, but ultimately had his name changed to Paul.

When God changes you, there is only one question to ask and Saul asked it, “Lord, what do You want me to do?”

Today, give your entire being to God. Submit your will and your thoughts to His divine guidance and care—and your life will change immediately. Become a possibility thinker. (Mark 9:23) Remove negative thoughts and let positive thoughts give you a new life.

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