

“You Think What You Are” Proverbs 12:5; 15:26; miscellaneous

- *The thoughts of the righteous are right, but the council of the wicked are deceit*
- *“The thoughts of the wicked are an abominations to the Lord”*
- Synonyms: *attention, reflection, understand, apprehending, contemplation*

I. Where Do Our Thoughts Come From?

- Thoughts come from the hearts and are shaped by the hearts condition
- Jer. 17:9, 10; Eccl 9:3; Gen 6:5,6; Matt 15:16-17; Rom 1:18-22
- condition of the heart is one of darkness and evil: Jn 3:19; Rom 8:6,7

II. What Does God Himself Think of our Thinking or Thoughts?

- 1. *God knows our thoughts:* Amos 4: 12; Ps 139:1-3; Prov 15:26
- 3. *God judges our thoughts:* Jer 17:9; Gen 6:5-7; Isa 59:2, 4-7; Prov 15:11
- 2. *Our thoughts are evil because our hearts are evil:* Ps 58:3; Pr 17:20; Rom 3

III. How Does Our Thinking Change?

- 1. We cannot Change Ourselves: Prov 20:9; Jer. 13:23; Jn 3:19,20
- 3. Come into the light: 1 Jn 5; Matt 11:4-6; Jn 8:12
- 2. Come to God’s Word: Ps 19:7; Heb 4:12-13
- 0. Regeneration through the Holy Spirit: Jhn 15:26; 16:8; 2 Cor 5:17

IV. How Do We Keep Our Hearts & Minds from Sin and Darkness

- 1. Keep your heart with all vigilance (Prov 4:23)
- 3. *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding*
- 2. *Take every thought captive, put on the full armor of God* (Rom 13:3; Eph 6:12)