

PURE MENTAL ATTITUDES

I. Introduction

A. Matthew 5:8. "Blessed are the _____, for they shall see God."

B. Today's Lesson

II. Ten Biblical Principles regarding Right Thinking

A. To have right thinking we must have the right _____ about God.

Eph.1:1-14

B. We must have right thinking about God's _____. I Pet.2:2; Ps. 19:7

C. There is a _____ for the mind. II Cor. 10:3-5

D. In the Christian, there is to be a _____ of the mind. Romans 12:1-2.

E. We are to take _____ of our thought life. I Peter 1:13.

F. Develop a Biblical _____ .1 Cor. 2:16; Col. 3:16

G. We are to "put off" _____ and "put on" Godly thoughts.

H. Sinful thought patterns begin with a _____ Matt. 12:34-37; 15:16-20

I. We should not _____. Eccles. 5:7

J. We are to build our thinking around the qualities in Phil. 4:8.

True --

Honorable --

Right --

Pure --

Lovely --

Good repute --

Excellence and worthy of praise --

III. The Mental Attitude of Humility

A. Definition: a person who thinks no _____ of himself than he ought to think realizing that in God's sight he has no merit of his own.

1. Romans 12:3

2. I Cor. 15:10

3. Romans 12:10

4. Ps. 25:9

5. Col. 3:12

6. Matt. 18:3,4; 23:12; I Peter 5:6

7. Isa. 57:15

8. James 4:6

B. Application

1. "God, _____"

2. "God, _____"

3. "God, _____"

4. Thinks first of _____ feelings and needs.
5. Gives God the _____ for achievement and salvation.
6. Truly _____ God, not just religious pretense.
7. Willing to suffer _____ for Jesus' sake.

IV. An Obedient Heart

A. Definition. ...has a desire to perfectly _____ the commandments of God.

1. I Peter 2:21; I Cor. 11:1; Phil. 2:5-8
2. Matt. 26:39
3. I Peter 1: 14,15
4. Acts 5:29
5. I John 2:3,4
6. Hebs. 11:8
7. John 14:15
8. I John 5:3

B. Application

1. Can sing "Oh, How I Love _____."
2. Is obedient even when doesn't _____ to be.
3. Lives life based on the _____ of God not _____.

4. Is willing to stand up to _____.
5. Is not walking with the rest of the _____.
6. Is not a _____ but a _____ to do what God wants.

V. A Content Heart

A. Definition. A _____ (through grace) that inward contentment is independent of outward circumstances.

1. Phil. 4:11
2. I Tim. 6:8
3. James 3:16
4. Matt. 6:25,34
5. I Cor. 10:10
6. Job 1:22 and 6:10

B. Application

1. True _____ can only come from _____.
2. Contentment comes from being in _____ with God.
3. Contentment is a _____.
4. It is a sin not to be _____ with what the Lord has given you.

VI. A Grateful Heart

A. Definition...finds a _____ to be _____ in all things.

1. II Cor. 9:15
2. Ps. 100:1-5
3. Rom. 1:21
4. Col. 3:15,16
5. I Thes. 5:18; Job 1:21

B. Application

1. ...is grace _____.
2. Does not become _____ when adversity comes.
3. Gives _____ to God and therefore is not disappointed when things don't work out like they want.
4. Is a _____ to be around.
5. Is able to _____ God as He _____.

VII. A Forbearing Spirit

A. Definition. Being _____.

1. Rom. 3:25
2. Eph. 4: 1-3
3. Col. 3:12,13
4. Phil. 4:5

B. Application

1. We are to follow the _____ of Jesus.
2. We are likely to become _____ when we begin to judge motives.
3. We need to be _____ of differences that we have.
4. God puts _____ people in our lives sometimes for a purpose.
5. We choose to _____ God by being tolerant or to _____ by being intolerant.
6. _____ and overlooking sin in the name of "it's none of my business" are two different things. Gals. 6:1

VIII. Conclusion

We must have right _____ which is the basis for having pure mental attitudes.

Examples:

"God's commands are so hard."

"If I just had more money, then I'd be happy."

"That person really irritates me."

"She embarrassed me, I'll never go back there again."