

It's a Beautiful Mind...

Russel Crowe starred in a 2001 movie about John Nash, a schizophrenic mathematician with an odd personality who scribbles massive equations on a blackboard. Nash is granted the Nobel Prize for his amazing work. This movie was based upon a book by Sylvia Nasar, called "A Beautiful Mind." That is a wonderful title for the most amazing thing God has given to us, our minds.



James 3:9 "With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people, who have been made in the likeness of God."

James is specifically talking about our tongues, however our speech is directed and shaped by our minds. Earlier James refers to the "double minded" person (James 1:8). What does that mean?

Characteristics of our Mind:

A. Our minds can be _____ by us

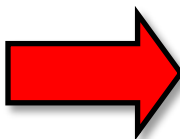
- we cannot control the weather. We cannot control the future. We cannot control others. We cannot control our health.
- 2 Pet 1:6 "add to your knowledge, self-control..."
We are not forced to believe, think or act a certain way. We set the course that will follow.

B. Our minds can be _____

- we cannot change the weather. We cannot change our looks. We cannot change others.
- spiritually, this is what _____ is

C. Our minds can be _____

- Proverbs 22:24-25
- Proverbs 3:31
- 1 Tim 4:12



List Some Popular Influences Today:

There was a time in middle ages where someone may only know 100 in their life and travel no farther than 100 miles from where they were born.

D. Our minds can be _____

Ps 90:12

T _____
 L _____ to
 D _____
 E _____

Knowing the characteristics of the mind, if you were the enemy, how would you attack a person's mind?

E. Our minds can be a _____, o _____, c _____

- look at the birds
- Eph 5:15; 1 Thes 5:8

Our Emotions are Built Upon Our Minds

- Guilt is caused by:
- Embarrassment is caused by:
- Sorrow is caused by:
- Momentum is caused by:
- Worry is caused by:
- Anger is caused by:
- Love is caused by:

Our minds can become:

O _____
 U _____
 D _____
 P _____
 Pleasing to the L _____
 C _____
 P _____

