

Developing the Mind of Christ

Paul told the Philippians to have this attitude (mind) in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus (Phil 2:5). Developing the mind of Christ is something that we must always be working on. We must continually fight having our minds shaped by the world. That is a constant battle that we face. Over the next few lessons, our focus will be upon building that spiritual mind that pleases the Lord. God wants us to be like Jesus (Rom 8:29)

When People Say:

- It's just my nature to worry
- I have a bad temper. I can't help the way I react.
- I'll always be pessimistic. I'm just that way.

Three Things Come From This:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

"Our hearts seem so far from His. He is pure; we are greedy. He is peaceful; we are hassled. He is purposeful; we are distracted. He is pleasant, we are cranky. He is spiritual; we are earthbound. The distance between our hearts and His seems so immense. How could we ever hope to have the heart of Jesus" (Just Like Jesus, pg. 7)

If you had to describe the mindset of Jesus, what expressions would you come up with:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

Where do we start? How is this done?

A. Begins with a _____ to be like Jesus

1. Ps 51:10 "Create in me a clean heart, God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."
2. 2 Tim 2:15 "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a worker who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth."

(a) asking for _____
Jas 1:19; Prov 21:23; Prov 10:19

(b) being _____ to take the steps to develop a thinking like Jesus
- Letting God's word dwell in you (Col 3:16;
1 Tim 4:13-15)

(c) recognizing some thoughts are not _____
2 Cor 10:5



Thoughts that must be Captured

The Thirst that cannot be quenched: _____

Greed says: I _____

2 Kings 5:20-27

Acts 5:1-5

(1) The characteristics of greed:

(2) Lk 12:15; Job 1:21

► Conquered by _____

The Debt that can never be paid: _____

Guilt says: I _____

(1) the characteristics of guilt:

(2) Lk 18:13

► Conquered by _____

The Hurt that never can be healed: _____

Anger says: You _____

In a fantasy question, a group of people were asked what they would like to have with them on a deserted island. 46% said another person. 54% said their pet.

(1) the characteristics of anger:

(2) Ephesians 4:26-27; Rom 12:17-21

► Conquered by _____

The Feeling that can never be satisfied: _____

Jealousy says: I _____

(1) the characteristics of jealousy:

(2) Gal 5:19-21

► Conquered by _____