

No Regrets: Pursuing Courageous Christianity "Renew Your Thinking"

Romans 12:3-8

Proverbs 23:7 (NASB) – For as he thinks within himself, so he is.

Your thinking shapes the way you live. It's really true that if you change your thinking, you can change your life. – **John Maxwell**

Our brain is changing moment by moment as we are thinking. By our thinking and choosing, we are redesigning the landscape of our brain. – **Dr. Caroline Leaf**

Main Text

Romans 12:3-8 (ESV) – ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Big Idea – Right Thinking Always Lays the Right Foundation for Right Living

Three Truths About Right Thinking in a Wrong World

Truth #1

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Colossians 3:2 – Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

Truth #1 – The John 3:30 Principle: Right Thinking Requires Right Focus in Your Life

There is no life as empty as the self-centered life. There is no life as centered as the life that seeks the Savior.

Truth #2

Romans 12:4-5 (ESV) – ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 (ESV)– And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him – a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Truth #2 – Right Thinking Reveals We Are Stronger Together than We Are Alone

Truth #3

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**Truth #3 – Right Thinking Compels You to Live a Right Life
With Right Motives Resulting in Right Action**

Your Life is God's Gift to You...What You Do With Your Life is Your Gift to God.

Memory Verse

Philippians 4:8 (HCSB) – Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Challenge

You are called to consistently apply the divine principles and truths found in the Word of God. Take the next step in your study by (1) Discussing and applying the sermon with your family or small group or (2) Participating in a Sunday School class.