

Subtopic: Where are you Intellectually

As a part of our reflective analysis of 2019 and our proactive preparation for 2020 we are continuing our 7-point personal assessment of our current position & holistic condition. The 7 areas of personal assessment & adjustment we are considering are:

Where am I:

1. Spiritually
2. Emotionally
3. Physically
4. Intellectually
5. Vocationally
6. Relationally
7. Financially

Last week we dealt with “*Where am I physically?*”, dealing with re-gifting our bodies back to God. In modern culture we tend to think of our bodies of our own. Thus, engendering the attitude which says, it’s “my body” therefore I will do with my body that which I please. However, the scriptures present a different picture in terms of who our bodies belong to.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 KJV - [19] *What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20] For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*

According to the scriptures the relationship between God and the spirit filled believers (body) is one of Lordship and stewardship. So according to the scriptures it is important to God:

- 1: How we treat our bodies
- 2: Where we take our bodies
- 3: What we put in our bodies
- 4: What we put (ON) our bodies
- 5: What we take (off) our bodies because:

➤ PowerPoint: My body belongs to God.

1 Corinthians 3:16-17 KJV - [16] *Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 17] If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.*

Today’s personal assessment & adjustment is “*Where am I intellectually?*”

- PowerPoint: The only difference between those who achieve on a high level versus those who underachieve is the measure and manner in which we utilize our minds.

B. Intellect is:

1. The faculty of reasoning and understanding objectively, especially with regard to abstract or academic matters.
2. Power or faculty of the mind by which one knows or understands, as distinguished from that by which one feels and that by which one wills; the understanding; the faculty of thinking and acquiring knowledge
3. **A** term used in studies of the human mind, and refers to the ability of the mind to come to correct conclusions about **what is** true or false, and about how to solve problems.
4. The ability to use the mind creatively.

C. The power of thoughts

Mind power is one of the strongest and most useful powers we possess.

Philippians 2:1-5 KJV - *[1] If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,*

- PowerPoint: NIV = Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion

Philippians 2:1-5 KJV - *2] Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be LIKEMINDED, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3] Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. 4] Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. [5] Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:*


- PowerPoint: The impact of Mt. Calvary in this community & beyond is not dependent upon Mt. Calvary having the greatest Pastor. It is dependent upon each saint recognizing and respecting the value of every other saint and every person who walks through the doors of this church.

Romans 12:10 KJV - *[10] Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;*

- PowerPoint: The thoughts that pass through your mind are responsible for everything that happens in your life.
- PowerPoint: My predominant thoughts influence my behavior and attitude and control my actions and reactions. As my thoughts are, so is my life.

Proverbs 23:7 “As someone thinks within himself, so is he.”

D: Be very careful of what you think

- PowerPoint: “As we think, we change the physical nature of our brain. As we consciously direct our thinking, we can wire out toxic patterns of thinking and replace them with healthy thoughts.” +Dr. Caroline Leaf, Author, Switch on your Brain 

2 Timothy 1:6-7 KJV - [6] *Wherefore I put thee in (remembrance) that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.*

- PowerPoint: As you reflect on your loved ones this holiday season, don't let their absence cast you into depression. Let their legacy push you into manifestation and continuation of what they left behind for you to finish!

2 Timothy 1:6-7 KJV - 7] *For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a SOUND MIND.*

- PowerPoint: I AM NOT LOSING MY MIND; I AM FINDING MY FOCUS!

E: The Power of Thoughts Is Creative Power

- PowerPoint: Thoughts, like seeds, have inherent power to grow and manifest in your life, if you feed them with faith, optimism and enthusiasm.

Your thoughts pass from your conscious mind to your subconscious mind, which in turn, influences your actions in accordance with these thoughts. You will receive back whatever “energy” you are sending out.

John 12:32 KJV - [32] *And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will (DRAW ALL MEN) unto me.*

F: How to Use the Power of Your Thoughts?

1: Visualize a perfect picture of whatever it is you desire to accomplish.

Proverbs 29:18 KJV - [18] *Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.*

2: Put detail, color, sound, scent and life into these mental scenes.

Habakkuk 2:2 KJV - [2] *And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.*

3: SAY with your mouth what you SEE in your mind often, with faith and EXPECTATION and your subconscious will accept these mental scenes as real experiences. The subconscious mind does not distinguish between real and imaginary experiences, and accepts both as real.

Mark 11:22-24 KJV - [22] *And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. 23] For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. 24] Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*

Pay attention to the thoughts you think. Reject negative thoughts, and allow your mind only thoughts that bring good, happy, and positive results.

Philippians 4:8 KJV - [8] *Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, THINK on these things. 😞*