

The Intoxicated Mind

Mark 4:26-29 You can become intoxicated naturally and spiritually. Whiskey, wine, beer etc. for the natural intoxication. And the cares of this life, lust, poverty, worry, sickness etc. for the spiritual intoxication.

Recreated spirit: your vertical relationship
Soul/heart: your horizontal relationships

Luke 21:34-35 Yourselves: Your heart or soul needs to be guarded.
Hearts: Your thoughts and feelings.
Overcharged: Weighed heavy.
Surfeiting: An overindulgence of the heart.

II Corinthians 5:7 For we walk by faith (trust and confidence) and not by sight or by what we see with our natural eyes.

Matthew 12:34 Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. What we meditate on becomes our speech. We can meditate on anything at any time. What we give thought to becomes a part of our life.

Proverbs 23:7 thinketh: gatekeeper
Proverbs 4:23 Keep or guard your heart or soul
Isaiah 55:8 your thoughts will always precede your ways

Definition of Meditation

Psalm 19:14 A meditation is a thought that has hung around long enough to produce a feeling. Lust, when meditated on has the ability to become a feeling and feeling will produce a response. Faith, when meditated on has the ability to produce a feeling and that feeling will produce a response of trust and confidence.

Psalm 1:1-3 When you don't meditate on the things in verse one, but meditate on verse two, health and prosperity began to chase you down. However, if your meditation is on verse one instead of verse two, you will have to chase your health and prosperity down.

Matthew 6:33 Righteousness is directly tied to our prosperity. The word added simply means that things are attracted to you. We don't have to chase things that are attracted to us. God created things to chase us, not us chase things.

Isaiah 61:1-3 Put on the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. You know you're sad by the way you feel. You know you're glad by the way you feel. Praise changes the way you feel. The way you feel affects your destiny. Pay attention to the way you feel.

Mark 4:14-20

The goal in every Christian's life should be verse 20, "And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred." How do we produce 30, 60, and 100-fold in our life? By hearing and receiving the word into the soil of our heart. It's only then that we can "do" the word.

The process to getting verse 20 to work in our lives is as follows:

Verse 16 Hearing the word.

Verse 17 Receiving the word.

Verses 18-19 Give more thought or meditation to the word

than we do to:

1. The cares of this life.
2. The deceitfulness of riches.
3. The lusts of other things.

When you hear, and receive the word, sad leaves and glad stays. You know when sad leaves by the way you feel.

Key Verse 9

The Greek says: He that has ears to hear, let him keep on hearing. If all you've done is "heard" the word, it isn't yours. Anything that you only heard can be stolen from you. For the word to become yours, you must be hearing and hearing and hearing until you "hear" or receive the seed of the word into the soil of your heart. Then it's yours. If you've only "heard" the word, the seed lays on top of the soil where it can be stolen. For seed to produce a root system it has to be in the ground.

Glad and Broke

If you are broke and glad at the same time and you hold onto glad, broke will leave. But if you hold onto broke, glad will leave. It's the same with sick and glad.

An Indulgence of the Heart

A drunk Christian is one who sets at the bar (church, TV news, current events, "good ole boys coffee shop)" and drinks from the bottle of the cares of this life, they will eventually become drunk or intoxicated in their mind. We need to be sure what we're being served from the pulpit, TV, newspaper, and the good ole boys.

Just One Drink

Most people don't get drunk on just one drink. It takes several drinks for them to become intoxicated. It's the same way spiritually. When we sit in a church service Sunday after Sunday hearing about the cares of this life, poverty, sickness, and that the enemy's plan is bigger than God's plan, we will become intoxicated in our mind. We need to ask ourselves, "what am I drinking?"

The Five Characteristics of a Drunk

1. They become disoriented.
2. They don't see or hear things correctly.
3. They don't heed instruction.
4. Their senses become dulled.
5. They become easy prey.

For Example:

Jimmy Swaggart didn't decide one day to destroy his ministry. He had been drinking from the bottle of lust until he became intoxicated on lust. That lust produced a feeling and he had to have another drink.

When this happened, the devil put a microphone in front of him and he went on live TV for the world to see and hear what the devil did, he brought down a major Christian leader. But the one thing the devil didn't tell was that he had to get him drunk first