

What are you thinking?

Have you heard these statements?

“What were you thinking?” or “Well, I didn’t think this through.”

What were you thinking?

A major prank on the Boss backfires.

A new employee, eager to fit in, decides to pull a major prank on the office manager, only to accidentally cause a significant disruption, leading to a stern "What were you thinking?" from the boss.

We didn’t think this through!

The "Surprise" Party Gone Wrong:

Trying to plan a surprise birthday party for a close friend, someone forgets to check their schedule and accidentally throws the party on the day the person with the birthday is out of town on a business trip.

Wrong thinking can be dangerous.

I have plenty of Time. God understands. God won’t send me to hell.

Text: [Rom 12:1-2 KJV] 1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, [which is] your reasonable service. **2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**

[Rom 12:1-2 NLT] 1 And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice--the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. **2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.**

Introduction

Low Level Thinking (Human reasoning alone)

High Level Thinking (Godly Wisdom and knowledge)

Transform your Mind (Let God Change your Thinking)

Focus your thinking through Grace by Faith

Low Level Thinking

Within our mind Doubt and fear overshadows peace and trust

I will compromise or quit my ministry it's not worth the pain.

What's on the other side of that pain where you compromised or quit and gave up? If you give up the pain, you also give up what's on the other side of the pain.

[Phi 4:6-7 KJV] 6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

[Phi 4:6-7 NLT] 6 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. 7 Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Low Level Thinking Causes Daily worries

[Mat 6:31, 34 NLT] 31 "So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' ... 34 "So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today.

[Mat 10:19 NLT] 19 When you are arrested, don't worry about how to respond or what to say. God will give you the right words at the right time.

[Act 10:20 NLT] 20 Get up, go downstairs, and go with them without hesitation. Don't worry, for I have sent them."

Low Level Thinking can Cause a Spirit of Fear

[2Ti 1:7 KJV] 7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

[Mat 14:28-32 KJV] 28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. 29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. 31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth [his] hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? 32 And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.

Wavering

[Jas 1:5-8 NLT] 5 If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. 6 But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. 7 Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. 8 Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.

Harness Low Level Thinking Like Human Logic, reasoning, and knowledge

[2Co 10:3-7 KJV] 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare [are] not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; 6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled. 7 Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? If any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he [is] Christ's, even so [are] we Christ's.

Low Level Thinking can cause us to Align with the wrong people

[2Ch 18:1 NLT] 1 Jehoshaphat enjoyed great riches and high esteem, and he made an alliance with Ahab of Israel by having his son marry Ahab's daughter.

[2Ch 18:2 NLT] 2 A few years later he went to Samaria to visit Ahab, who prepared a great banquet for him and his officials. They butchered great numbers of sheep, goats, and cattle for the feast. Then Ahab enticed Jehoshaphat to join forces with him to recover Ramoth-gilead.

High Level Thinking

God's Ways and God's Thoughts

[Isa 55:9 KJV] 9 For [as] the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Let This Mind Be in You

[Phi 2:3-5 KJV] 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:

The Attitude of Christ

[Phi 2:6-9 NLT] 6 Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. 7 Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, 8 he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. 9 Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names,

Using both Human Reasoning and God's Reasoning with God By Faith

[Isa 1:18-20 KJV] 18 **Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD:** though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. 19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: 20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken [it].

Paul suffered as an evil doer, but God's Word cannot be bound.

[2Ti 2:7-9 KJV] 7 Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things. 8 Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel: 9 Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, [even] unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.

High Level Thinking Leads to a Complete Trust in God for All things

[Psa 4:5 KJV] 5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD.

[Psa 37:3 KJV] 3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; [so] shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

[Psa 118:8-9 KJV] 8 [It is] better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. 9 [It is] better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.

High Level Thinking Comes from Godly wisdom and Knowledge

[Pro 1:2-5 KJV] 2 To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; 3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; 4 To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion. 5 A wise [man] will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:

Five signs of Godly Wisdom

We're consistent in what we say and do.

We admit humbly when we're wrong.

We show forgiveness and mercy.

We're willing to listen to and seek advice.

We prioritize peace in our relationships.

Renew your mind

[Rom 12:2 NLT] 2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Changing your way of thinking to align with God's will

Ongoing process performed by God

Develop a strong Biblical World view

Being transformed from old ways of thinking to new ways of thinking

The Other Side of Suffering for the Gospel

Sure we have heaven to gain

Have you considered the other side of your suffering brings others to the Gospel saving Message

Instead of trying to do better, understand God's grace teaches us

[Tit 2:11-13 KJV] 11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, 12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; 13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;