

Vicarious Sacrifice: “What you think is who you are,” Prv 23:7; Flawed Thought Results in Human Good & Evil; Imperative of Thinking Bible Doctrine; at Salvation the New Believer becomes Engaged in the Angelic Conflict, Eph 4:23; Prv 12:5; Ps 56:5–6

12. To be “molded to this age” refers to thought conformation, i.e., thinking human viewpoint. This has nothing to do with behavior patterns, character traits, and lifestyle.
13. Rather, it has to do with the source of those external manifestations. It has to do with what you think. Your inventory of ideas determines how you behave, what attributes define you, and your typical way of life.
14. No spiritual growth can be accomplished when the believer is arrogant and conformed to cosmic rationales that are divorced from reality.
15. One must submit to doctrinal rationales, the only resource that can reveal the failure that is the inevitable result of human rationales.
16. We are presently privileged to observe the failure of the human rationales that are spreading chaos throughout our society.
17. The root source of this manifest chaos is the gurgling caldron of political correctness, egalitarianism, social justice, socialism, and several categories of human good:
 - (1) The contrived chaos of Ferguson, Missouri, that has resulted in robbery, arson, murder, threats, and displays of civil disobedience by miscreants, both local and outsiders, under the politically-correct strategy toward “social justice.”
 - (2) The infiltration of ISIS gorillas across the southern border that takes advantage of our open-border policy to fix elections, enabling it to develop a fifth column in country.

- (3) The calculated infiltration by alien children into the nation's schools where they are propagandized about how to vote in future elections.
- (4) Allowing Ebola-infected foreigners to fly into the country, putting U.S. citizens in jeopardy of the disease. The politically correct idea is "being fair to foreigners."
- (5) These and other decisions generally operate under the strategy of "a pseudo-philosophical, rhetorical veil that conceals while advancing a hidden agenda."
- (6) One current pseudo-philosophical rhetorical veil is "social justice" while the hidden agenda is the "redistribution of wealth."

C. The Imperative of Thinking Bible Doctrine

1. What a person thinks involves a process which starts with interest. If you are not interested in the subject then you will not concentrate on it.
2. With interest comes motivation from which decisions are made. The decisions you make are reflected through your lifestyle.
3. What a person thinks depends upon his attitude toward his biblical inventory.
4. Unbelievers' souls are void of any biblical knowledge except that which has been accumulated from human viewpoint.
5. The content of the believer's soul varies with the time spent making the study of the Word priority one.
6. The advancing believer's life is organized around priority one. From this, he arranges his thinking around priority one.

7. The power of thought increases as the inventory of ideas grows so that principles become categories, categories become associations, and associations become constellations.
8. Paul encourages those who have deviated from priority one to begin a process of soul restoration in:
Ephesians 4:23 - Become restored [present passive infinitive of ἀνανεόω (*ananeóō*): repeated action] through the agency of the Holy Spirit by means of your thinking. (EXT)
9. The verb, *ananeóō*, is a compound of *aná*, “again,” and *neóō*, “to restore.” It is an iterative perfect which means the verb action is to occur at successive intervals.
10. The passive voice indicates that the believer that has deviated from doctrine recovers from constant intake of truth.
11. The passive voice may or may not have an agent but in this context the ultimate agent is indicated as being the Holy Spirit.
12. The phrase, “of your mind,” is the word **νοῦς (*noús*)**: “of your thinking.”
13. Progress in spiritual growth or recovery begins with thinking. Can you process what you encounter? Can you evaluate the circumstances you confront? Is what you conclude accomplished by recall of your inventory of biblical truth or human viewpoint.
14. Your inventory is going to be constantly tested the day you believe in Christ. Yes, your sins have been forgiven, but the devil’s world will immediately begin to test you.
15. Believers that do not begin to study the Bible post haste will be overcome by cosmic propaganda which will present rhetorical veils to keep you away from Word of God.

Proverbs 12:5 - The thoughts of the righteous are just, but the counseling of the wicked is deceitful. (NASB)

Psalm 56:5 - All day long they distort my words; all their thoughts are against me for evil.

v. 6 - They attack, they lurk, they watch my steps, as they have waited to take my life. (NASB)

16. The only efficient way to consistently apply the Word of God is by the sequential use of the three spiritual skills: (1) the filling of the Holy Spirit, (2) the retention and facilitation of the biblical principles and doctrines, and (3) the deployment and application of the ten problem-solving devices.