

Review: "Keep on thinking this." Phil 2:1-5a; You Cannot Think What You Do Not Have in Your Soul; Good Decisions Are Based on Resident Doctrine, Habitual Recall, & Consistent Application

7. Concentration on the collective objective of attaining the sophisticated spiritual life; an unreachable objective for those who are implacable, obstinate, and calloused.
8. Those making the advance cannot be distracted by contentious quarrels, inordinate ambition, or the three arrogant skills:
 - a. Self-justification: jealousy, bitterness, and envy.
 - b. Self-deception: implacability, impulsive anger, chronic bitterness, and explosive anger.
 - c. Self-absorption: Hatred, malice, revenge motivation, revenge tactics, vituperation, vilification, violence, abuse, and vindictiveness.
9. On the contrary, the advancing believer is described as sensitive and thoughtful of others, an objective achieved by considering oneself to be, not inferior, but of less importance than others.
10. This is reflected by considering other believers' personal interests as important as one's own.

In context, this is what Paul means in verse 5 by the clause, "Keep on thinking this within yourself."

PRINCIPLE: You cannot think what you do not have in your soul.

If you disregard the imperatives of Scripture or are ignorant of them due to disinterest, then you will inevitably opt for sin-nature driven emotions, submit to temptation from the lust patterns, and commit sins associated with cosmic living.

Advancing believers have made the good decision to not only study the Word of God but to retain its principles in their souls from which inventory they make habitual recall and application to life and circumstance on a daily basis.

Those who do not, live in a vortex of ramifications that result from residence in the cosmic systems.

The antidote is possession of the same thinking that was utilized by Jesus Christ who possessed the same virtues mentioned in verses 1-4.

Jesus is described in verses 6-8 as someone who not only put believers first, He put the entire human race above Himself by dying spiritually for the sins of the entire world.

The passage next describes how the Lord was able to attain this level of sophisticated thought by learning and applying the Word of God in his true humanity without any reliance on or consultation with His divine attributes.

What Christ accomplished for us in the Incarnation was achieved by the same resources we are imputed at the moment of our salvation.