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Bring Every Thought into the Obedience of Christ

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2 Corinthians 10:3–5 (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

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character. (*The Upward Look*, p. 89.5)

Isaiah 55:8–9 (KJV) — 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, Neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are my ways higher than your ways, And my thoughts than your thoughts.

Psalm 92:5 (KJV) — 5 O LORD, how great are thy works! And thy thoughts are very deep.

1 Chronicles 28:9 (KJV) — 9 And thou,

Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.

Genesis 6:5 (KJV) — 5 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

**Psalm 94:11 (KJV) — 11 The LORD knoweth
the thoughts of man, That they are vanity.**

Hebrews 4:12 (KJV) — 12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

2 Corinthians 3:18 (KJV) — 18 But we all,
with open face beholding as in a glass the
glory of the Lord, are changed into the same
image from glory to glory, even as by the
Spirit of the Lord.

Psalm 1:1–2 (KJV) — 1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Deuteronomy 6:6–7 (KJV) — 6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Psalm 119:15 (KJV) — 15 I will meditate in
thy precepts, And have respect unto thy
ways.

Psalm 119:97 (KJV) — 97 O how love I thy
law! It is my meditation all the day

Psalm 77:12 (KJV) — 12 I will meditate also
of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.

Proverbs 30:18–19 (KJV) — 18 There be three things which are too wonderful for me, yea, four which I know not: 19 The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maid.

Psalm 119:27 (KJV) — 27 Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: So shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

Psalm 143:5 (KJV) — 5 I remember the
days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I
muse on the work of thy hands.

Colossians 2:8 (KJV) — 8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:20 (KJV) — 20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

2 Corinthians 10:5 (KJV) — 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;

We can receive of heaven's light only as we are willing to be emptied of self. We cannot discern the character of God, or accept Christ by faith, unless we consent to the bringing into captivity of every thought to the obedience of Christ. To all who do this the Holy Spirit is given without measure. In Christ "dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and in Him ye are made full." Colossians 2:9, 10, R. V. (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 181.1)

Philippians 2:4 (KJV) — 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others

Luke 10:36–37 (KJV) — 36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? 37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

**1 Timothy 5:3 (KJV) — 3 Honour widows
that are widows indeed.**

1 John 3:17 (KJV) — 17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

Hebrews 10:24 (KJV) — 24 And let us
consider one another to provoke unto love
and to good works:

Galatians 6:1 (KJV) — 1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

Romans 1:21 (KJV) — 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Ephesians 4:17–19 (KJV) — 17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, 18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: 19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

1 Corinthians 11:28 (KJV) — 28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

Romans 12:3 (KJV) — 3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Galatians 6:3 (KJV) — 3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

Philippians 2:3 (KJV) — 3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

2 Corinthians 10:12 (KJV) — 12 For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

Matthew 6:31–32 (KJV) — 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

Matthew 6:33–34 (KJV) — 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. 34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Proverbs 6:6 (KJV) — 6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:



Proverbs 30:25 (KJV) — 25 The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer;



1 Peter 1:13–14 (KJV) — 13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

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Colossians 3:1–2 (KJV) — 1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.
2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

Hebrews 3:1 (KJV) — 1 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

It would be well for us to spend a thoughtful hour each day in contemplation of the life of Christ. We should take it point by point, and let the imagination grasp each scene, especially the closing ones. As we thus dwell upon His great sacrifice for us, our confidence in Him will be more constant, our love will be quickened, and we shall be more deeply imbued with His spirit. If we would be saved at last, we must learn the lesson of penitence and humiliation at the foot of the cross.

(The Desire of Ages, p. 83.4)

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.

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