



# THE MIND OF CHRIST



**STUDY 1**  
**THE CARNAL MIND**  
The Problem





# THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR MINDS

## **(1) Mark 12v30**

The summary of the whole Law of Moses

## **(2) Philippians 2v5**

The essence of life in the Truth

## **(3) Hebrews 10v16**

The reason Christ was offered

## **(4) Romans 8v6**

The difference between life and death



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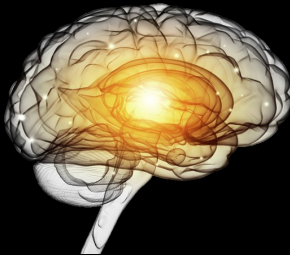
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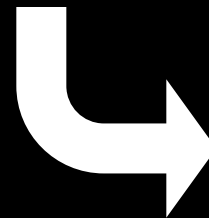
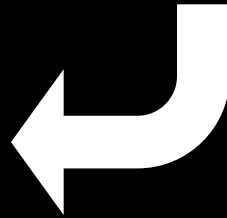
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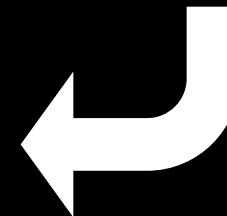
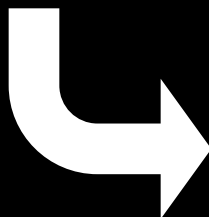
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The Power





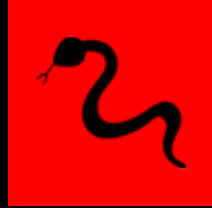
“...AFTER OUR LIKENESS...”

“While image, then, hath reference to form and shape, “likeness” hath regard to **mental constitution, or capacity**. From the shape of his head, as compared with other creatures, it is evident that man has a **mental capacity** that distinguishes him above them all. Their likeness to him is faint. They can think; but their thoughts are only sensual. They have no moral sentiments, or higher intellectual aspirations... Adam’s **mental capacity** enabled him to comprehend and receive spiritual ideas, which moved him to veneration, hope, conscientiousness etc...”

**Elpis Israel Bro John Thomas Pg 39**

# THE "ENMITY" OF GEN 3v15

**THE SERPENT**



**THE SEED OF THE SERPENT**



Those that believe  
the lie

**John 8v44**

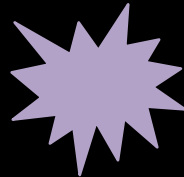
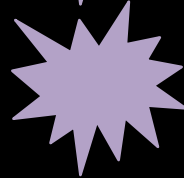
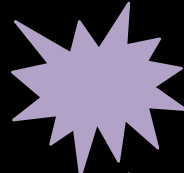
**"IN ADAM"**

**PERMANENT CRUSHING**

**Hebrews 2v14**



**BAPTISM**



**Different THINKING!!**  
**Rom 8v7, Gal 5v17,**  
**James 4v4**



**THE WOMAN**

**THE SEED OF THE WOMAN**

Those that believe  
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**II Cor 11v3**

**"IN CHRIST"**

**TEMPORARY BRUISING**

**Isa 53v5,10**



**"He"**



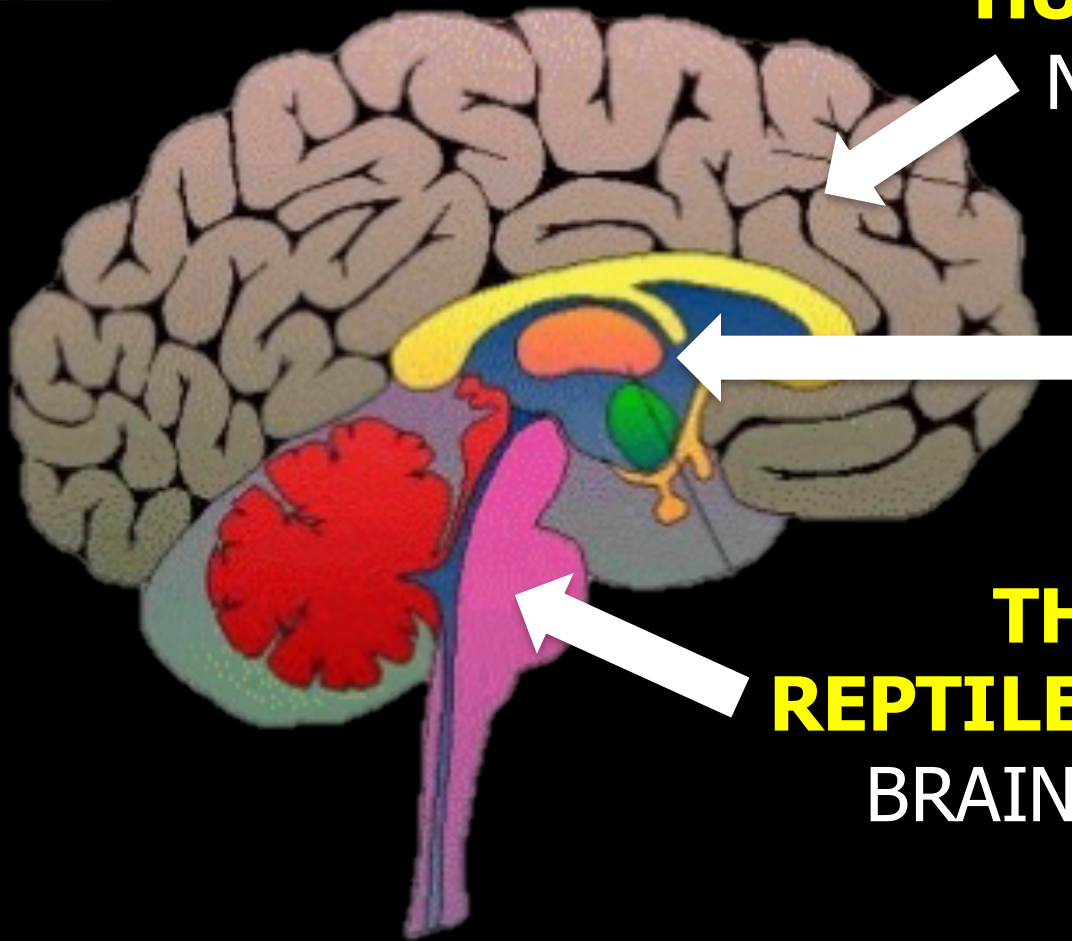
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## THE HUMAN BRAIN

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THE  
MAMMAL BRAIN  
LIMBIC SYSTEM

THE  
REPTILE BRAIN  
BRAINSTEM







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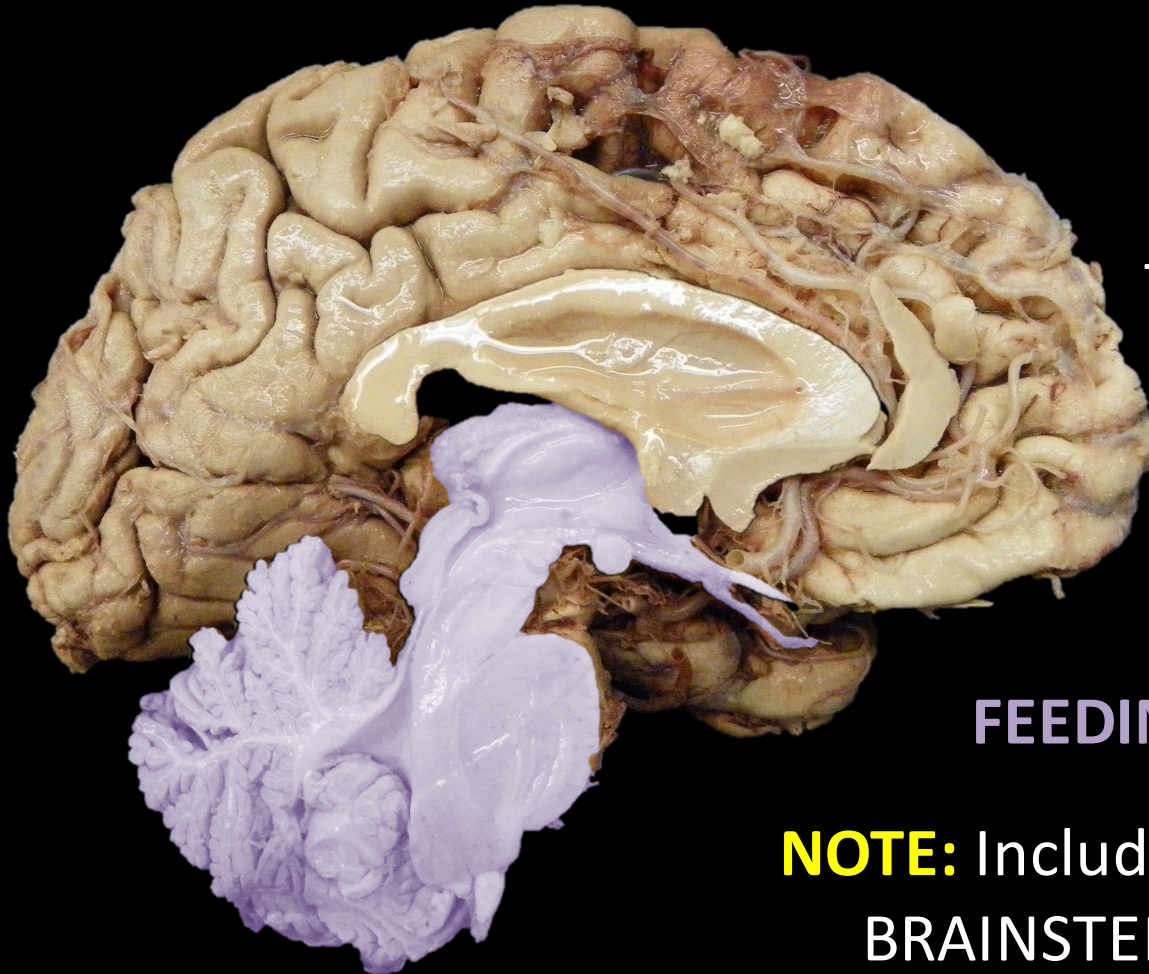




# THE REPTILE BRAIN

## INSTINCTIVE BRAIN

Bro Thomas: **"PROPENSITIES"**



AGRESSION  
DOMINANCE  
HUNGER/FEEDING  
TEMPERATURE CONTROL  
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**FEEDING/FIGHTING/FLEEING**

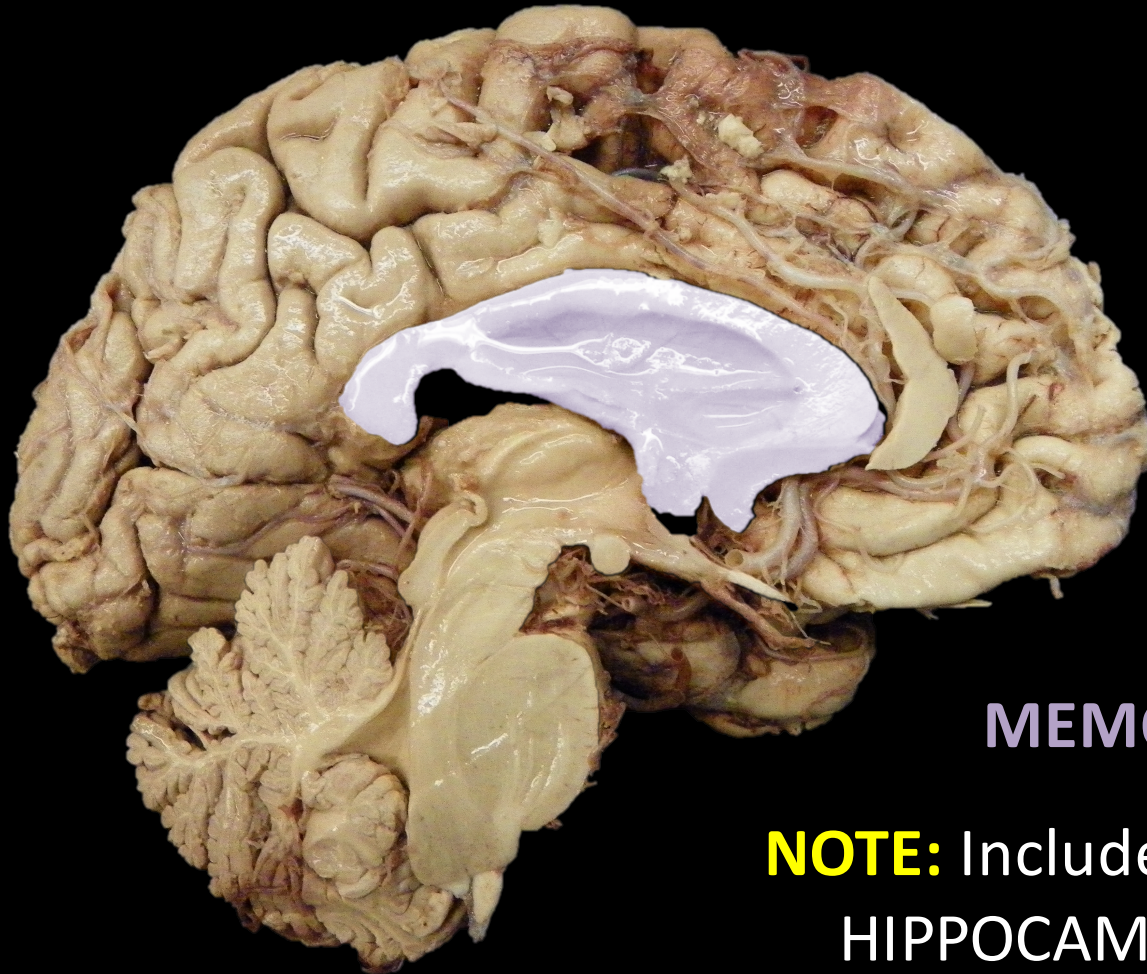
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BRAINSTEM, CEREBELLUM



# THE MAMMAL BRAIN

## EMOTIONAL BRAIN

Bro Thomas: **"INTELLECT"**



NURTURING YOUNG  
CARING  
MEMORIES  
SOCIAL COOPERATION  
PAIN OR PLEASURE  
PROTECTION  
LEARNING

MEMORIES AND EMOTIONS

**NOTE:** Includes HYPOTHALAMUS,  
HIPPOCAMPUS, AMYGDALA





# THE HUMAN BRAIN

## **ANALYTICAL BRAIN**

Bro Thomas: **"MORAL SENTIMENTS"**



LANGUAGE  
ABSTRACT CONCEPTS  
PERCEPTION  
PLANNING  
LOGICAL REASONING  
DECISION MAKING  
FORESIGHT, HINDSIGHT  
and INSIGHT

REASONS/PLANS/WORRIES/INVENTS

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HEMISPHERES)



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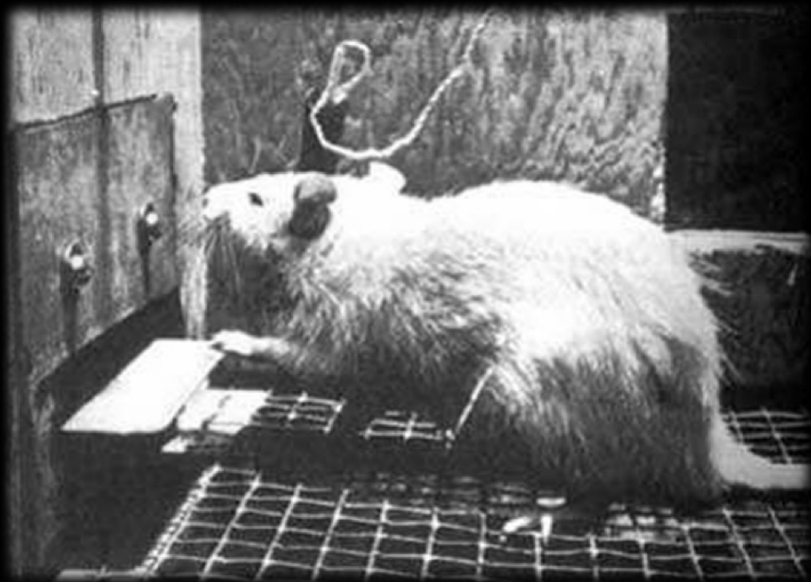
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FIGHTING and  
SELF DEFENCE





“FOR TO BE  
CARNALLY MINDED IS DEATH”



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“...I KNOW YOUR MINDS...”

“For I know the things that come into your **mind**, every one of them ” **Ezekiel 11v5**

“The sacrifice of the wicked is abomination: how much more, when he bringeth it with a wicked **mind**?.” **Proverbs 21v27**

“It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into thy **mind**, and thou shalt think an evil thought: And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwallled villages;... ” **Ezekiel 38v10-11**



**“...A SPIRITUAL HUNGER...”**

**“We yearn for communion with something higher than ourselves... We have ideals that make our attainments seem contemptible and sometimes even disgusting. How strange it would be if creatures that evolved themselves “out of shapeless slime” should, along with a need for the food that had nourished them, develop a spiritual hunger for something that never existed and never could exist. How strange if they should of their own bestial instincts evolve ideals that make them miserable because the animal desires continually prevent attainment! ”**

**Bro Islip Collyer The Guiding Light Pg 13-14**



“...I KNOW THE THOUGHTS...”

**KJV** —“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, **thoughts of peace**, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.”

**ESV** — “For I know the plans that I have for you saith the LORD, **plans for welfare**, and not calamity, to give you a future and a hope.”

**Jeremiah 29v11**



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# “...PROPENSITIES, INTELLECT AND MORAL SENTIMENTS...”

“The serpent had **propensities** and **intellect**, and so had the woman; but her mental constitution differed from his, in having “**moral sentiments**” superadded to her propensities and intellect. By the sentiments she was made a morally accountable being; capable of believing, and able to control and direct her other faculties in their application. The **propensities** enable a creature to propagate its species, take care of its young, defend itself against enemies, collect food and so forth; **intellect** enables it to do these things for the gratification of its sensations; but when in addition to these, a being is endowed with the **sentiments** of conscientiousness, hope, veneration, benevolence, wonder etc, it possesses a spiritual, or sentimental organization, which makes it capable of reflecting as from a mirror, the likeness and glory of God...”



## “...DIVINE REVELATION...”

“But in the absence of this law and testimony, the “moral sentiments” are as incapable of directing a man aright, as though he were all intellect, or all propensities. By a right direction, I mean, according to the mind of God. **The sentiments are as blind as the propensities when intellect is unenlightened by divine revelation.** The truth of this is illustrated by the excesses into which mankind has plunged in the name of religion. Mohammedanism, Romanism, Paganism, and the infinite varieties of Protestantism, are all the result of the co-workings of the intellect, and sentiments, under the impulse of the propensities. They are all the thinking of the flesh, predicated on ignorance, or misconception, of the Truth. Hence, they are either altogether false; or, like the dialogisms of the shrewd Serpent, a clumsy mixture of truth and error...”

**Elpis Israel Bro John Thomas Pg 89**



# THE TEMPTATION OF EVE

"Hath God said?"



**ANALYTICAL  
BRAIN**

"Love"

**EMOTIONAL  
BRAIN**

"Fear"

**INSTINCTIVE  
BRAIN**

"Lust"



## “...AN EVIL CONSCIENCE...”

“The reader, by contemplating Adam and Eve in their innocence, and afterwards in their guilt, will perceive in the facts of their case the nature of a good conscience, and of an evil one. When they rejoiced in the “answer of a good conscience”, they were destitute of shame and fear. They could stand naked in God’s presence unabashed; and instead of trembling at His voice, they rejoiced to hear it as the harbinger of good things. They were then pure and undefiled being devoid of all conscience of sin... But mark the change that afterward came over them. When they lost their good conscience **terror** seized upon them at the voice of God, and **shame** possessed their souls; and they **sought to get out of His sight**, and to remove as far from Him as possible. Now what was the cause of this? There is but one answer that can be given, and that is Sin...”

**Elpis Israel Bro John Thomas Pg 85-86**



“...THE OBVIOUS INDICATION...”

“Understanding then, that Sin, or the transgression of God’s Law, evinced by doubts, fears, and shamefacedness, is the morbid principle of an evil conscience, what is the obvious indication to be fulfilled in it’s removal? The answer is, **blot out the sin**, and the conscience of the patient will be cured. The morbid phenomena will disappear, and the “answer of a good conscience” will remain...”

**Elpis Israel Bro John Thomas Pg 86**



# THE “NO MAN” PROPHECIES

“there was **no man**...”

**Exod 2v12**

“...saw that there was **no man**”

**CHRIST**

**Psalms 142v4**

“...**no man** that would know me:  
**no man** cared for my soul...”

**CHRIST**

**Isa 41v28**

“...**no man**...no counsellor”

**CHRIST**

**Isa 50v2**

“...**no man**...none to answer”

**CHRIST**

**Isa 59v16**

“...**no man**...no intercessor”

**CHRIST**

**Mark 5v3**

“...**no man** could bind him”

**CHRIST**

**I Cor 2v11-16** “...things of God knoweth **no man**”

**CHRIST**

**Rev 5v3-4**

“...**no man** could open the book”

**CHRIST**





# THE CARNAL MIND REPLACED

## EVIL CONSCIENCE

**Gen 3v10**

"And I was afraid"

**FEAR**

"because I was naked"

**SHAME**

"and I hid myself"

**CONCEALMENT**

"earthly, sensual,  
devilish...  
confusion and every  
evil work..."

**James 3v15-16**

## GOOD CONSCIENCE

**Mark 5v15**

"and in his right mind"

**CALM/PEACE**

"and clothed"

**COVERED**

"sitting"

**OPENNESS**

"pure, peacable,  
gentle,  
easy to be  
intreated..."

**James 3v17-18**



**THE POWER OF  
CHRIST**



# GOD'S DESIRE AND PROMISE

"O that they had **such a mind as this**, to fear me and keep my commandments, that it might go well with them and with their children forever"

**Deut 5v29 (RSV)**

"He has made everything beautiful in its time; **also he has put eternity into man's mind**, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end." **Ecc 3v11 (RSV)**

"And, the peace of God, which **riseth above every mind**, shall guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus." **Phil 4v7 (Roth)**



# “RECEIVE WITH OPEN HEART”

“The reason why He will not permit men to prescribe for their own moral evils is that He is the Physician, they the lepers; He their Sovereign, they the rebels against His law. It is His prerogative, and His alone, to dictate the terms of reconciliation. Man has offended God. It becomes him, therefore, to surrender unconditionally; and, with the humility and teachableness of a child, to **receive with open heart** and grateful feelings whatever in the wisdom, and justice, and benevolence of God, He may condescend to prescribe...”

**Elpis Israel Bro John Thomas Pg 87**



# RECEIVING GOD'S GIFT

"Wherefore lay apart  
all filthiness and  
superfluity of  
naughtiness  
and **receive**  
with meekness  
the engrafted  
word which  
is able to **save**  
your souls"

**James 1v21**



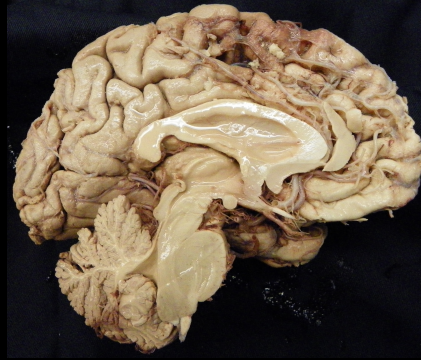
"And with all  
deceivableness of  
unrighteousness  
in them that  
perish;  
because they  
**receive not** the  
love of the truth that  
they might be  
**saved**"

**II Thess 2v10**

**LIFE or DEATH**



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# A PORTRAIT- A SPIRITUAL MIND

Stedfast and confident  
**Ruth 1v18, II Cor 1v15**

Adopted, made nigh, joined together  
**Rom 8v15, Eph 2v13, I Cor 1v10**

Forward and ready  
**II Cor 9v2, Acts 17v11**

Humble and lowly  
**Acts 20v19, Phil 2v3**

Compassionate and caring  
**I Peter 3v8**

Holy and pure  
**II Peter 3v1**

Destined for  
life and peace  
**Rom 8v6**

Trusting and calm  
**Isa 26v3, Phil 4v7**

Peaceful and tranquil  
**Isa 26v3, Rom 8v6**

Renewed and large  
**Eph 4v23, I Kings 4v29**

Soberminded and self-controlled  
**Rom 12v3, Tit 2v6, I Pet 1v13**

Beholds the glory of God  
**II Cor 3v18, 4v6, Rom 15v6**

Progressively grows towards Truth  
**Isa 26v2-3, I John 5v20 (YLT)**





# A PORTRAIT- TWO MINDS

## THE CARNAL MIND

Alienated and isolated

**Hardened and proud**

Defiled and impure

**Angry and hostile**

Given to excess and greed

**Progressively corrupted of Truth**

Blinded and deceived

**Vain and empty**

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“BE NOT CONFORMED...”

“And be not **conformed** to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of **your minds...**”

**Romans 12v2**

“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; As obedient children, not **fashioning** yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:.”

**I Peter 1v13-14**



“BUT BE YE TRANSFORMED...”



- (1)** Feeds on solid food by biting and chewing
- (2)** Abdomen has prolegs
- (3)** Ocelli act as simple eyes
- (4)** Wriggles on leaves with legs



- (1)** Feeds on liquid food by siphoning nectar
- (2)** Abdomen has no legs
- (3)** Compound eyes
- (4)** Flies in air with wings





# “HOW METAMORPHOSIS ACTUALLY WORKS...”

**WE HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA!!**







# “A NEW MAN CREATED BY GOD”

“Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind”. Hence the use of the word genius – the dominant force which is creative in it's effect.

The process is not a repair job. It is not a course in window dressing. It is not making the best of a bad situation. It is not just a means of escape. It is not to enable us to endure what cannot be cured. **Discipleship is a new thing**, and new life based on a new covenant...

Old things have passed away – all things have become new. Discipleship is concerned with **a new man created by God** in holiness and truth.”

**Genius of Discipleship Bro Dennis Gillett Pg 4**



# THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR MINDS

“The **mind** is insensibly affected by the stream of thought passing through it.

It is desirable therefore to have that stream as pure as possible...”

**Letter to the Ephesians Bro John Carter Pg 133**

“For, just as he hath thought in his own **mind**, so, he is”

**Proverbs 23v7 (Roth)**



“...EARTHEN VESSELS...”



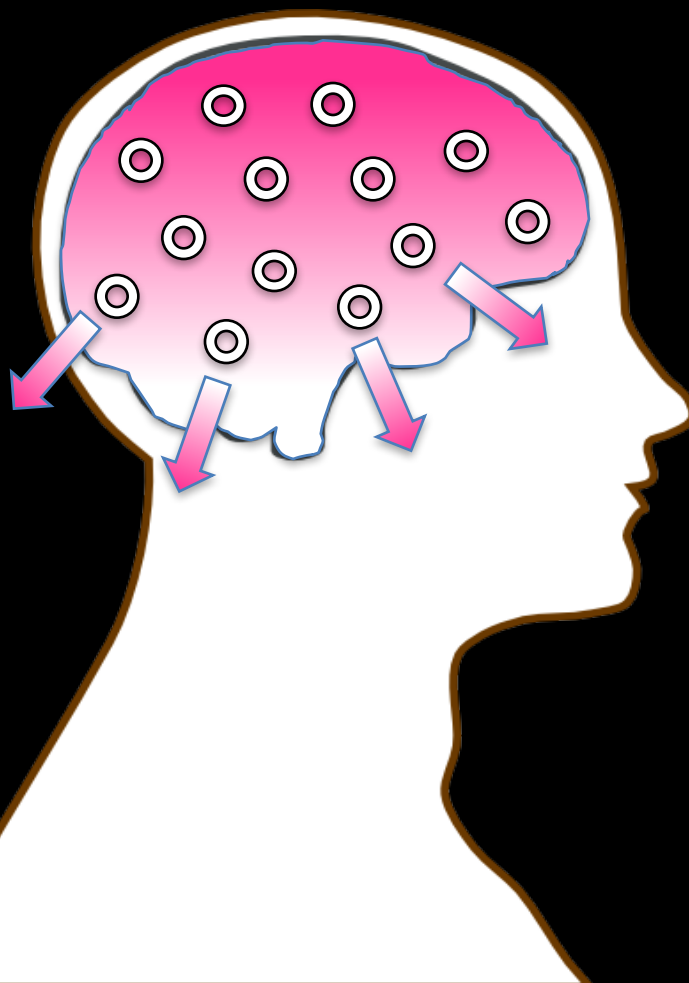


“...EARTHEN VESSELS...”

“I am forgotten as  
a dead man out of  
mind: I am like a  
broken vessel...”

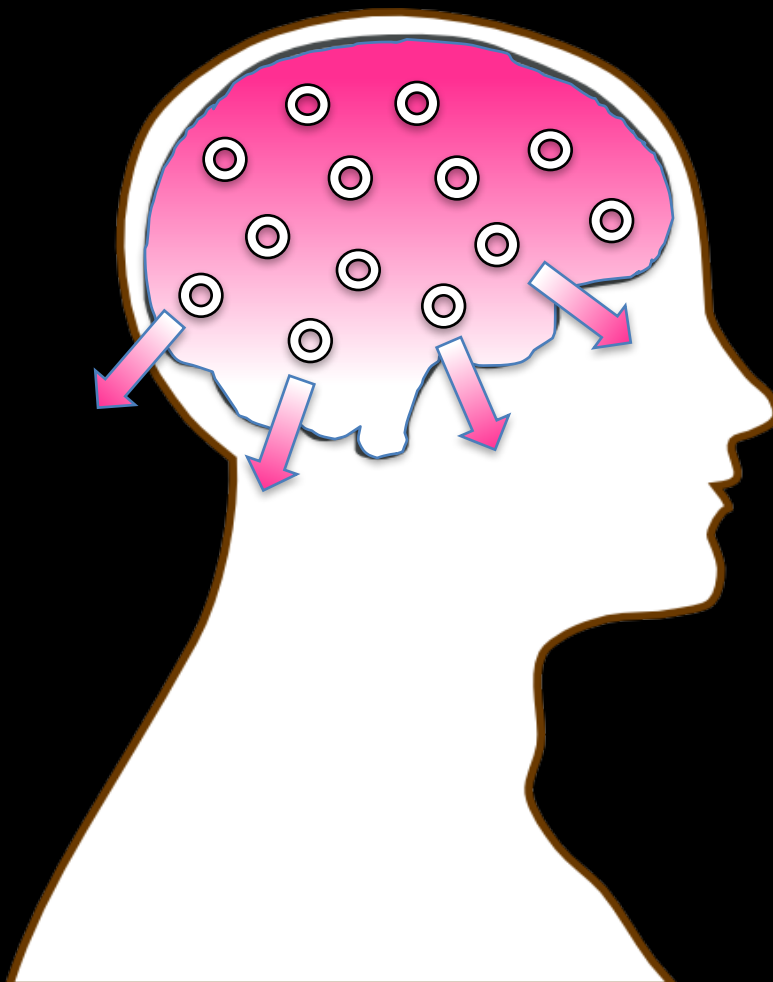
(Marg – “**vessel  
that perisheth**”)

**Psalm 31v12**





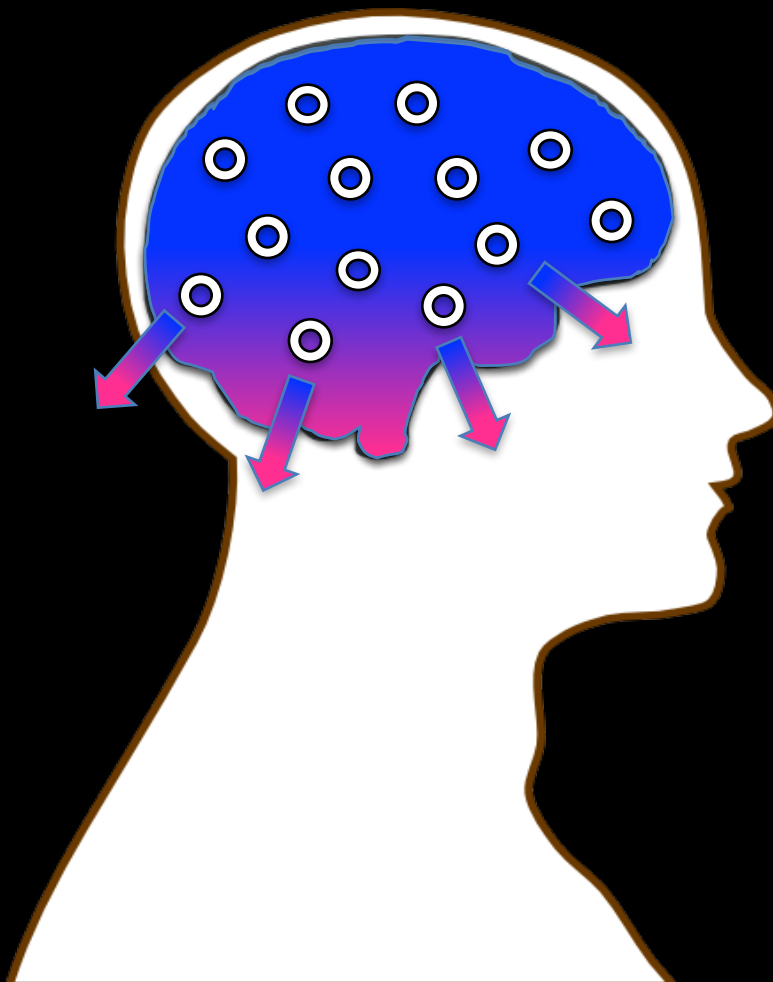
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# RENEWING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

## Titus 3v5

“by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit”

### “WASHING”

#### Used 2x

“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the **washing of water by the word...**”

**Ephesians 5v25-26**

### “REGENERATION”

#### Gk – “Paliggenesia” = New birth

“...which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again...Being **born again**, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the **word of God,**”

**I Peter 1v3,23**

### “RENEWING”

#### Used 4x

“...and have put on the new man which is **renewed in knowledge...**”

**Colossians 3v10**

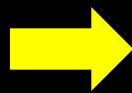
**HOLY SPIRIT RENEWAL** is from the **WORD OF GOD**

**John 6v63, James 1v21**

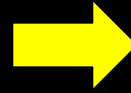


# HOW DOES READING CHANGE US?

**CONSCIOUSNESS**



**CONDUCT**



**CHARACTER**

**Reading**



**OUR PART**



**Experiences**



**THE WORK OF  
THE ANGELS  
(Providence)**



**Family Likeness**



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# “RENEWING OF YOUR MINDS”

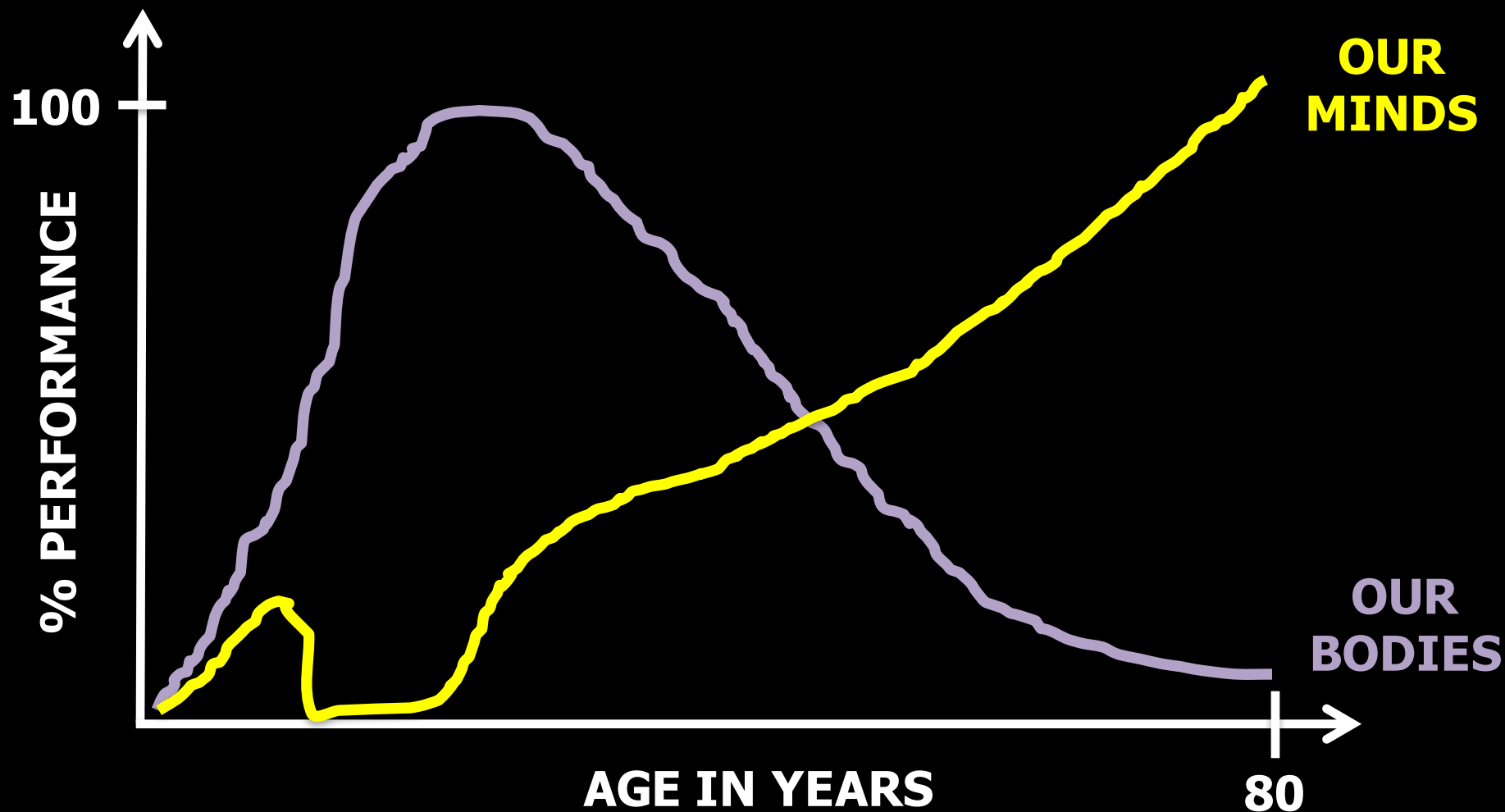
“But you have learned nothing like that from Christ, if you have really heard his voice and understood the truth that he has taught you.

No, what you learned was to fling off the dirty clothes of the old way of living, which were rotted through and through with lust's illusions, and, with yourselves **mentally and spiritually re-made**, to put on the clean fresh clothes of the new life which was made by God's design for righteousness and the holiness which is no illusion.”

**Ephesians 4v20-24 (JB Phillips)**



# "RENEWED IN KNOWLEDGE"







# “RENEWING OF YOUR MINDS”

“The Truth is not just an arrangement whereby men who ought to die, can escape. It is a superlative declaration that ruined men can be **remade at the spiritual centre of their life**—now and hereafter; not just deliverance from a penalty, but the revelation of Divine righteousness at the disposal of man; not just amelioration, but **altogether renewal**. Salvation is not only deliverance from death, not only forgiveness of sin; at last it is the power to do right, to master the antagonistic forces of heredity and environment. The enfeebled will is empowered. The paralysis is healed. The bound soul is set at liberty.”

**Diseases of the Soul Bro Dennis Gillett**



# “A WILLING OR READY MIND”

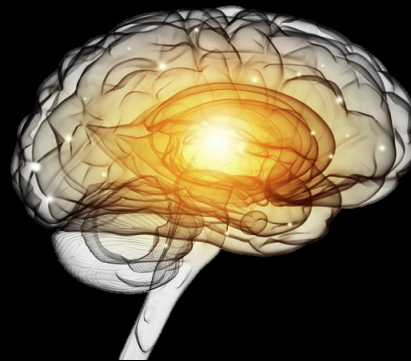
“And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a **willing mind**:...” **I Chron 28v9**

“These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all **readiness of mind**, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.” **Acts 17v11**

“For if there be first a **willing mind**...”  
**II Corinthians 8v11-12**



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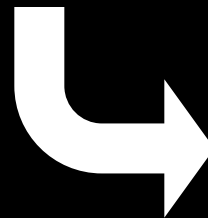
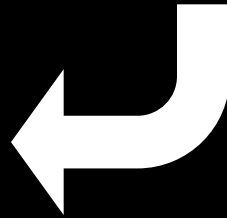
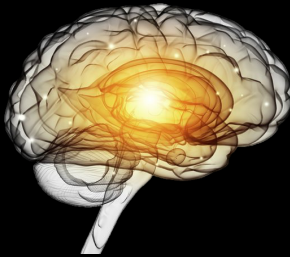
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# CONFORMED TO ONE MIND

## **I Corinthians 2v16**

“For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that we may instruct him? But we have the **mind of Christ.**”

## **Philippians 2v2-5**

“Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be **likeminded**, having the same love, being of one accord, of **one mind**... Let **this mind** be in you, which was also in **Christ Jesus:**”

## **I Peter 4v1**

“Forasmuch then as **Christ** hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the **same mind:**”

## **Romans 15v5**

“Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be **likeminded** one toward another according to (Margin – “**after the example of**”) **Christ Jesus:** That ye may with **one mind** and one mouth glorify God”



# WHAT DEFINES THE “MIND OF CHRIST”?

**Humility**  
**Phil 2v8-9**

**Peace**  
**John 14v27**

**A love of righteousness  
and hatred of iniquity**  
**Heb 1v9**

**Meekness and  
gentleness**  
**II Cor 10v1**

**Compassion**  
**I Pet 3v8**

**Joy**  
**Heb 12v2**

**Faith**  
**Gal 2v20**

**Mercy**  
**Jude v21**

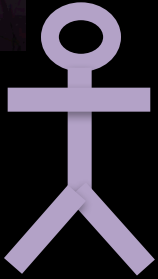


**Patience**  
**II Thess 3v5**

**Love**  
**John 13v34**

**Trust**  
**Matt 27v43**

# "LADDER OF IMPORTANCE"



**FEEBLE-MINDED**

**I Thess 5v14**

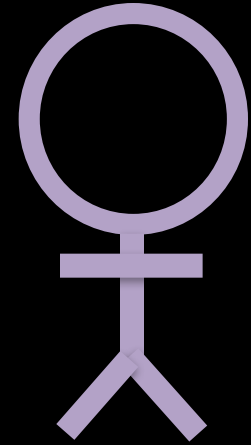
**INFERIORITY  
COMPLEX**

**Self-pity**

**Prov 18v4 (Roth) –**

"A dejected spirit, who  
can bear it?"

**This man thinks he is  
not as good as others**



**HIGH-MINDED**

**I Tim 6v17**

**SUPERIORITY  
COMPLEX**

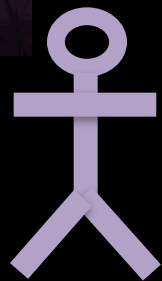
**Self-righteousness**

**Rom 12v3 –** "Think of  
themselves more highly  
than they ought"

**This man thinks he  
is better than others**



# A "SOUND MIND"



**FEEBLE-MINDED**

**I Thess 5v14**

**INFERIORITY  
COMPLEX**

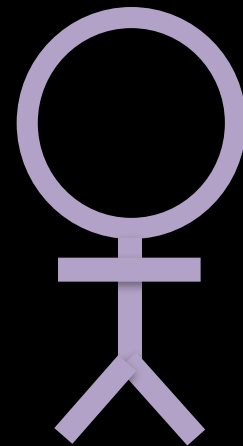
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**SOUND-MINDED**

**PUTTING  
SELF TO  
DEATH!!**



**HIGH-MINDED**

**I Tim 6v17**

**SUPERIORITY  
COMPLEX**

**Self-righteousness**

This man thinks he  
is **better** than others

"measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing  
themselves among themselves" **II Corinthians 10v12**



## “THE SOUND MIND...”

“A mind is sound when it is humbled and brought into subjection by being **centred on One outside itself...**

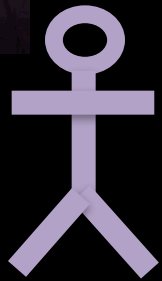
Perhaps the truest definition would be that wherever a false **centre** is set up in the mind, attracting to that spot more than its due share of emotional energy, the mind is unsound...”

**Bro LG Sargent**  
**A Sound Mind Page 11**





# A "SOUND MIND" AND TRUST



**FEEBLE-MINDED**

**Self-pity**

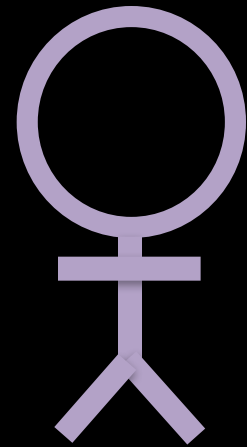
**Self absorbed so  
DON'T TRUST GOD**

**Psa 78v22** describes  
the wilderness  
generation as so feeble  
in faith that they  
"trusted not in God's  
salvation"



**SOUND-MINDED**

"But we had the  
sentence (Marg –  
"answer") of death in  
ourselves, that we  
should **not trust in  
ourselves**, but **in  
God** which raiseth  
the dead:"  
**II Cor 1v9**



**HIGH-MINDED**

**Self-righteousness**

**Self absorbed so  
TRUST THEMSELVES**

**Luke 18v9** describes  
the Pharisees who  
"trusted in  
themselves that they  
were righteous, and  
despised others"



# WHAT CHRIST DID TO "SELF"

**Rom 15v3** "But even Christ pleased not himself..."

**Gal 1v4** "...who gave himself for our sins..."

**Eph 5v2** "...given himself...an offering and a sacrifice"

**Phil 2v7-8** "...made himself of no reputation..."

"...humbled himself...to the death of the cross"

**I Tim 2v6** "Who gave himself a ransom for all..."

**Heb 5v5** "So also Christ glorified not himself..."

**Heb 7v27** "...this he did...when he offered up himself"

**Heb 9v26** "...put away sin by the sacrifice of himself..."

**I Pet 2v24** "Who in his own self bare our sins..."



# THE BATTLE FOR THE MIND



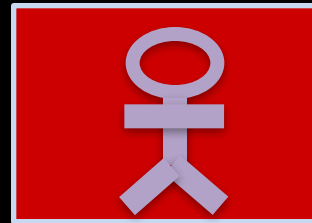
“ For many...are the enemies of the cross of Christ:  
Whose end is destruction, whose **God is their belly**, and  
whose glory is in their shame, who **mind earthly things.** ”

**Philippians 3v19**



# THE BATTLE FOR THE MIND

GOD



## II Timothy 3v1-4

This know also, that in the last days  
**perilous times** shall come.  
For men shall be **lovers of their own  
selves**, covetous, boasters, proud,  
blasphemers, disobedient to parents,  
unthankful, unholy, without natural  
affection, trucebreakers, false accusers,  
incontinent, fierce, despisers of those  
that are good, traitors, heady,  
highminded, **lovers of pleasures more  
than lovers of God**;

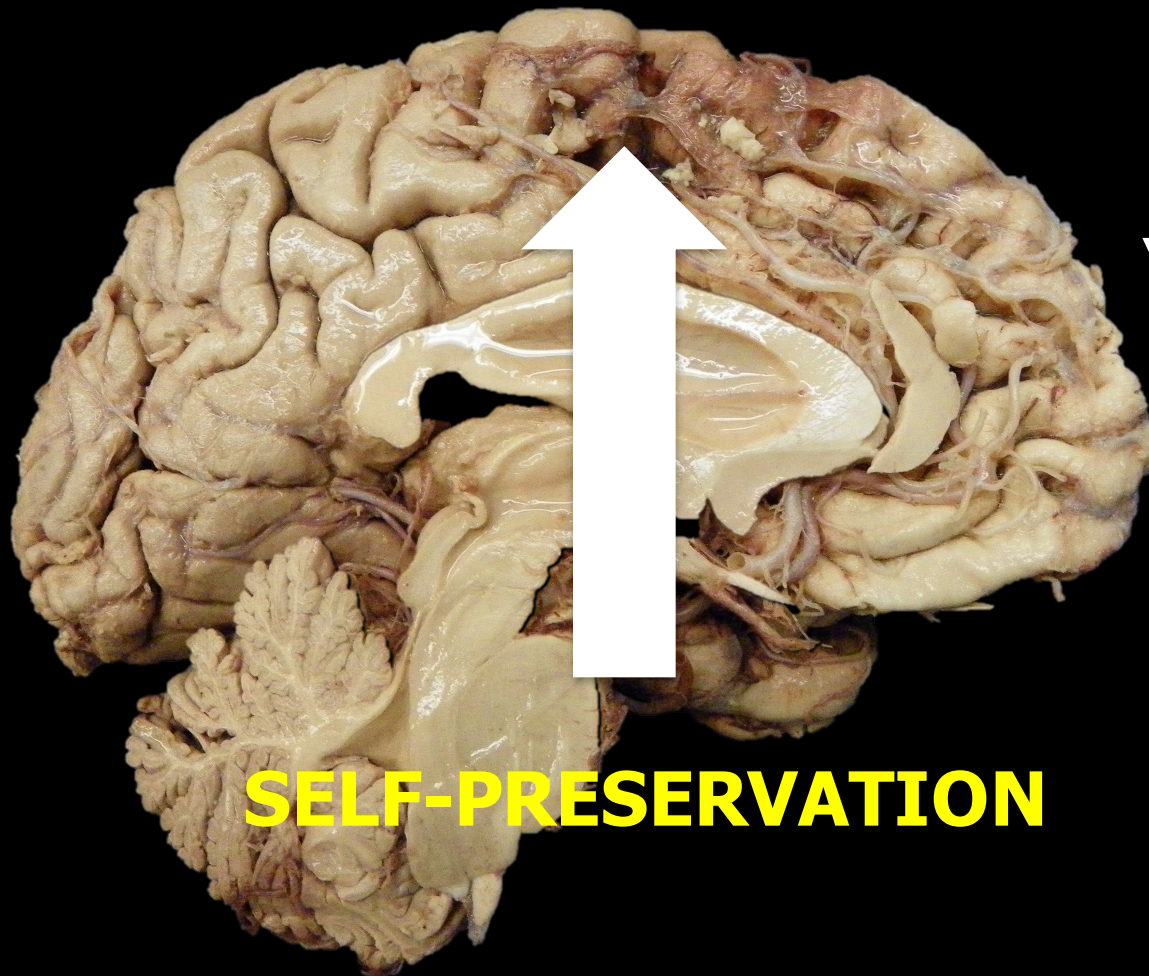
## Romans 1v28-31

God gave them over to a **reprobate  
mind**, to do those things which are not  
convenient; Being filled with all  
unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness,  
covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy,  
murder, debate, deceit, malignity;  
whisperers, backbiters, **haters of God**,  
despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of  
evil things, disobedient to parents,  
without understanding,  
covenantbreakers, without natural  
affection, implacable, unmerciful:



# THE NEW COMMANDMENT

**SELF-SACRIFICE**



**SELF-PRESERVATION**

**ANALYTICAL  
BRAIN**

"As I have loved you"

**EMOTIONAL  
BRAIN**

"One another"

**INSTINCTIVE  
BRAIN**

"Love"





# “THE CENTRAL THING...”

“The **central thing is the denial of self**. It is utterly radical. Denial of self is the inward thing. Taking up the cross daily is the external manifestation of the inward condition. To talk of it is not to realise it. To write about it is not to achieve it. The use of the word “daily” emphasizes that it is not just a theory but something that is real and practical...

In practice it means giving unhindered access to the Master into every chamber and especially into every dark corner. To think of that possibility might make us feel ashamed but at the same time it may do us good.”

**Bro Dennis Gillett**  
**Genius of Discipleship Page 2**



“THERE IS ALWAYS THE  
DANGER...”

“There is always the danger that **our ego,**  
**the “I”, the “Self”** in each of us, will continue  
to assert itself, and so frustrate our spiritual  
purposes as to destroy our hope of  
life everlasting.”

**Bro John Marshall**  
**Portrait of the Saint Page 9**



**“LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU...”**

**Esteeming others better than ourselves v3...**  
to the point that...

**We don't even look to our own interests v4...**  
to the point that...

**We abandon our own reputation and importance v7...**  
to the point that...

**We volunteer to become the slaves of everybody else v7...**  
to the point that...

**We put ourselves to death in order to help others v8**



# THE MIND OF CHRIST



**STUDY 5**  
**THE MIND OF CHRIST**  
The Practice





### STUDY 1

## THE CARNAL MIND

The Problem

### STUDY 3

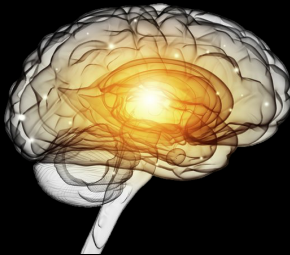
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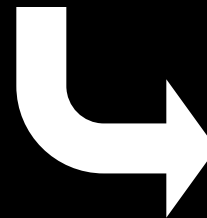
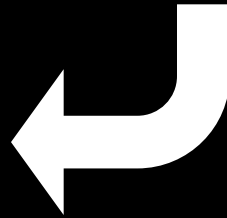
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### STUDY 4

## THE MIND OF CHRIST

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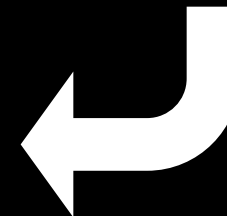
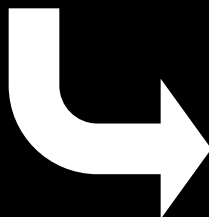
The Practice



### STUDY 6

## THE MIND OF CHRIST

The Power





## “THE PRACTICE...”

“The theory is that the Truth has top priority – but every disciple knows that the **practice** is somewhat different. The theory is that we are living above the snowline, where the air is pure, the vision is clear and the spirit is exhilarated. The **practice** is that more likely we are living in the valley, where the atmosphere is sometimes murky, the children are sick, the bank manager is not as friendly as he is made out to be, and too often we are tired and frustrated.”

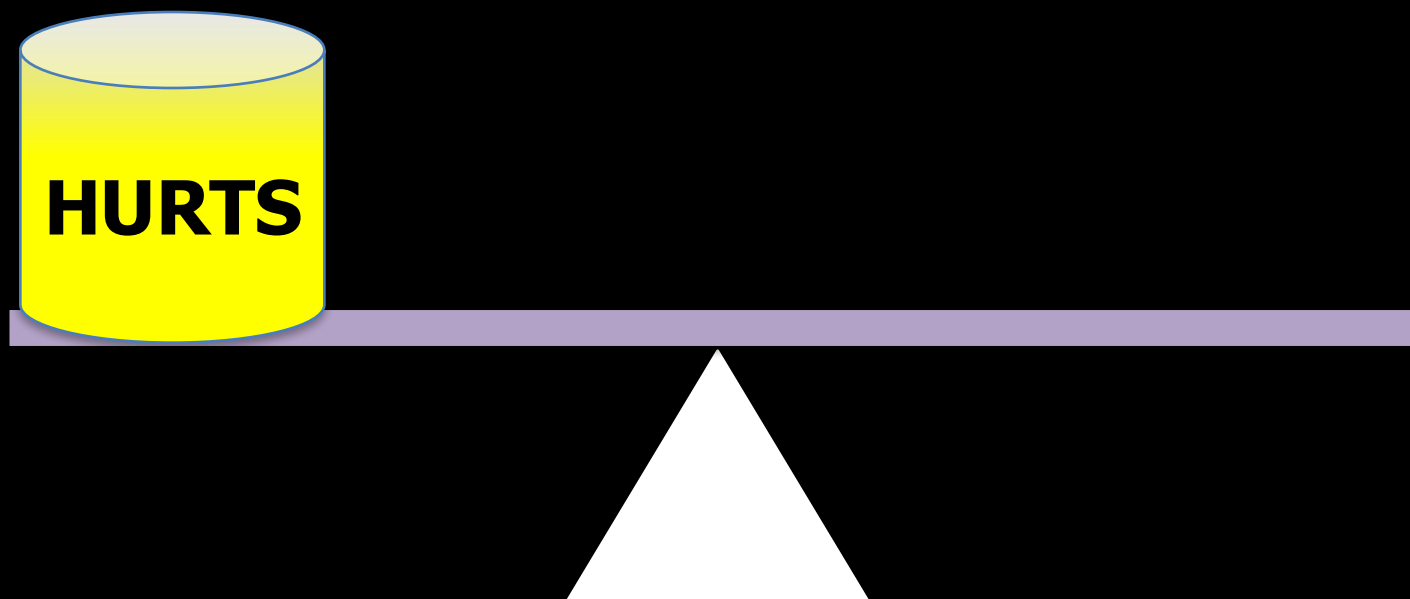
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“If life in the Truth were easy, it would not be true”

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# THE SCALES OF JUSTICE...

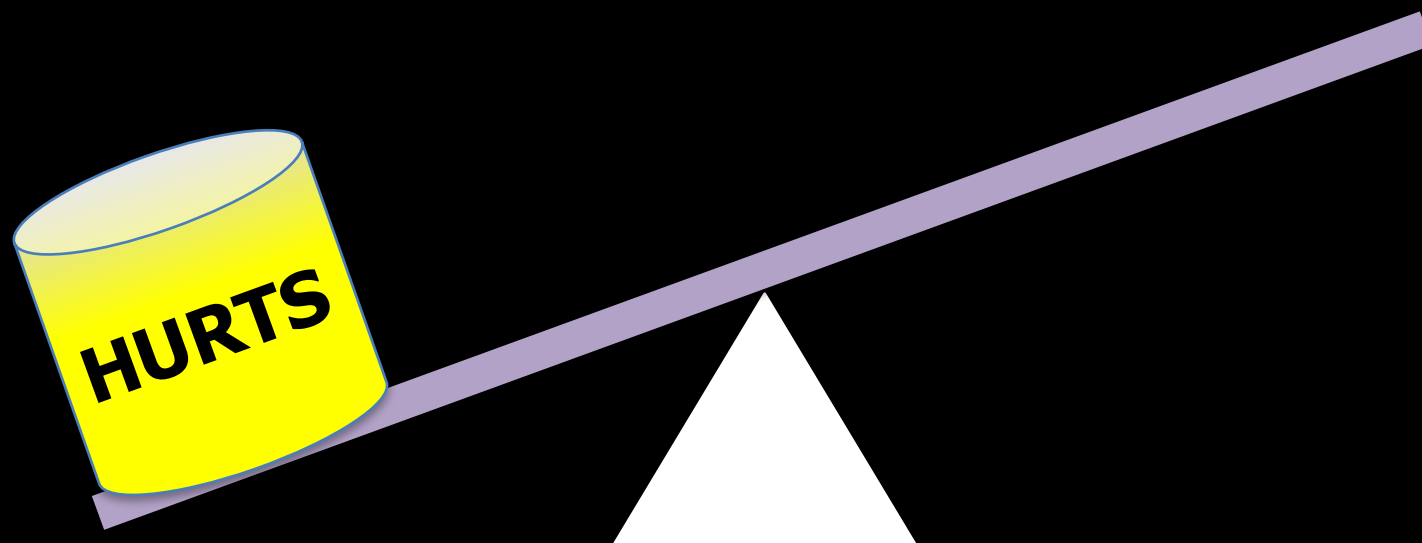


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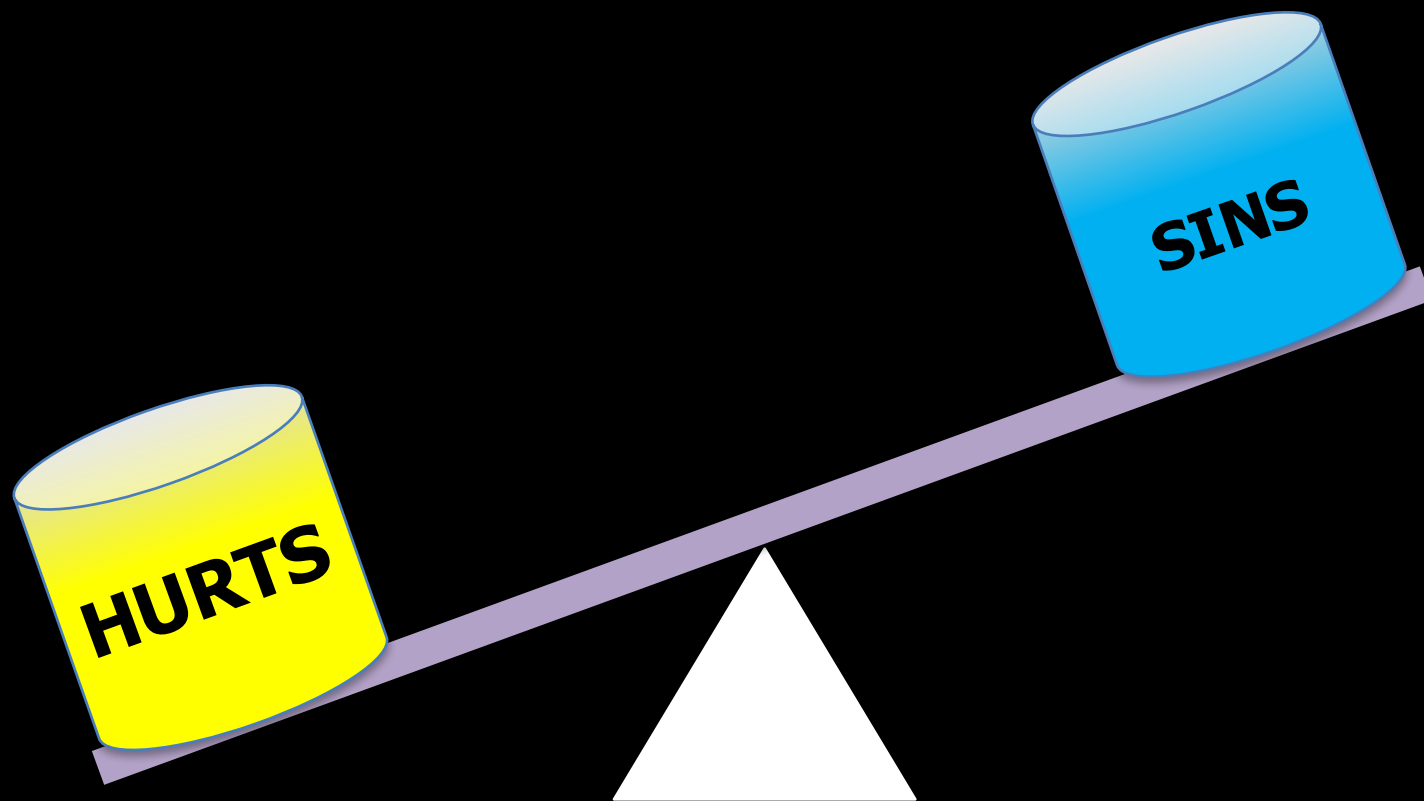


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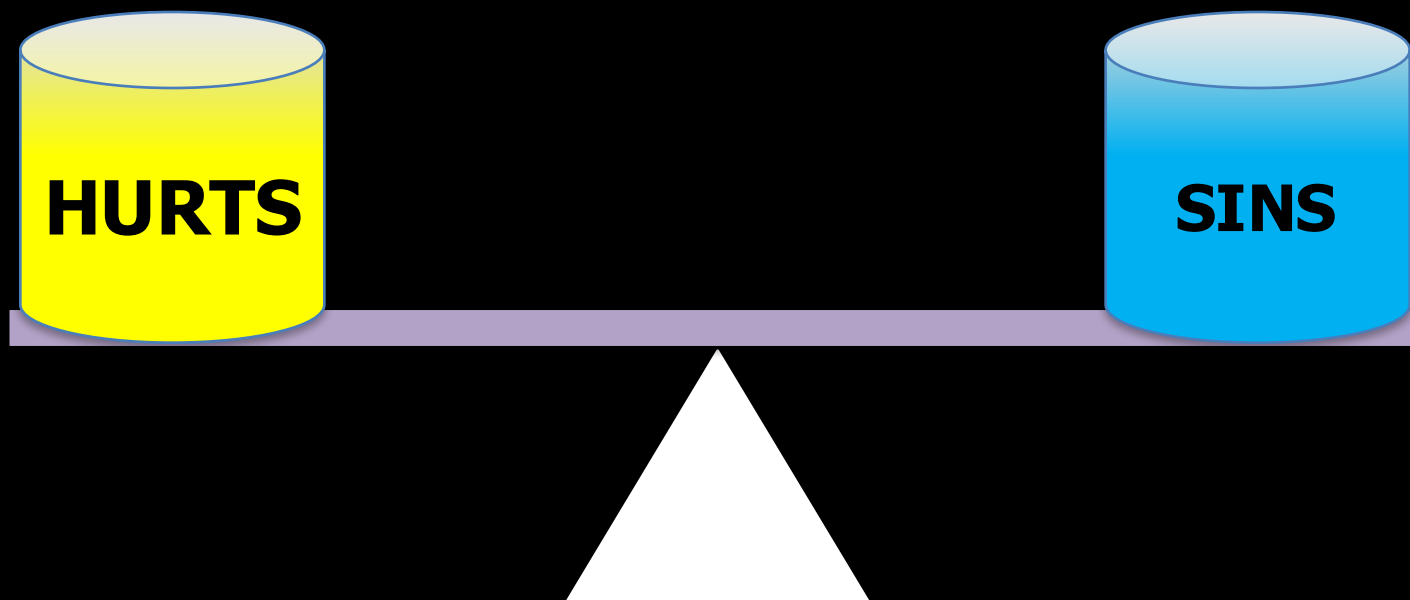
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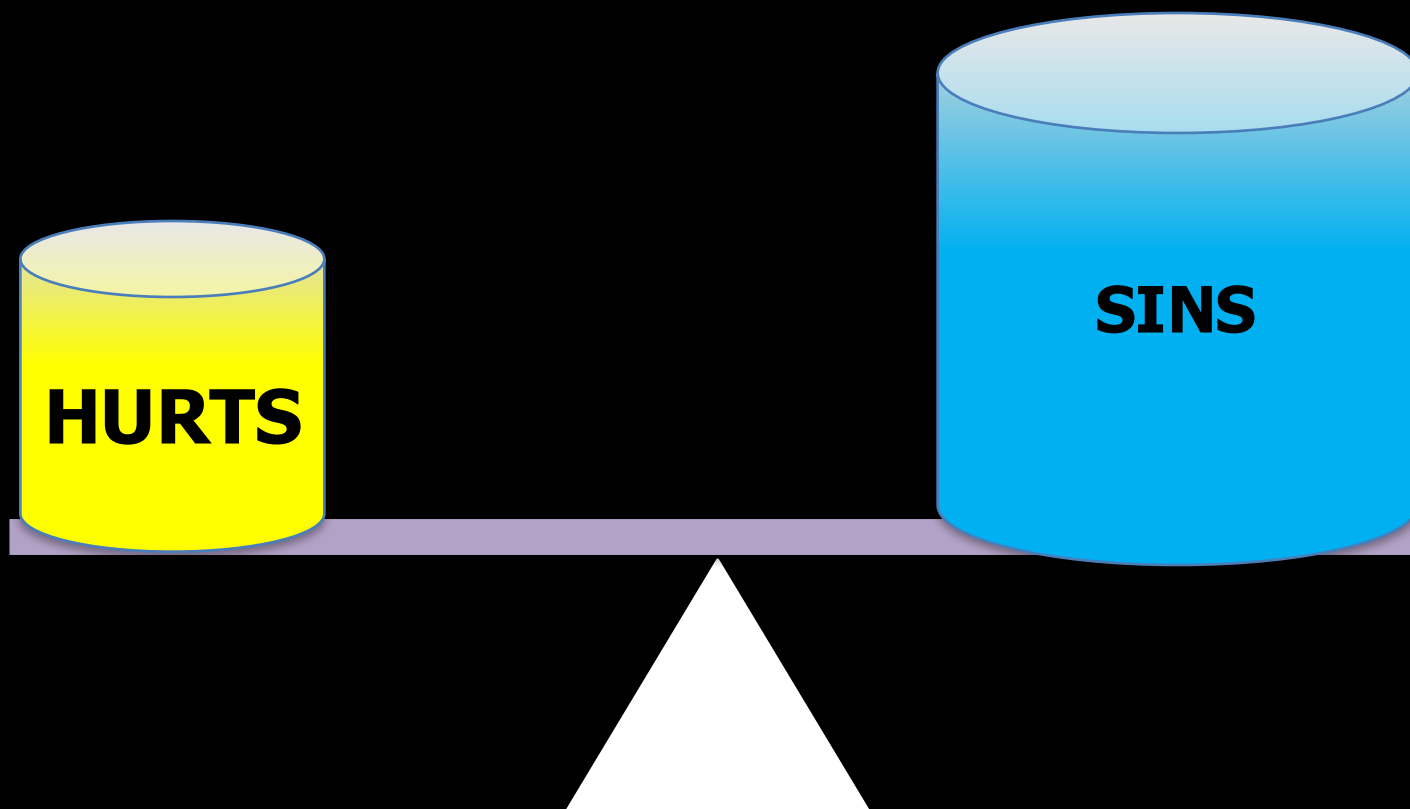


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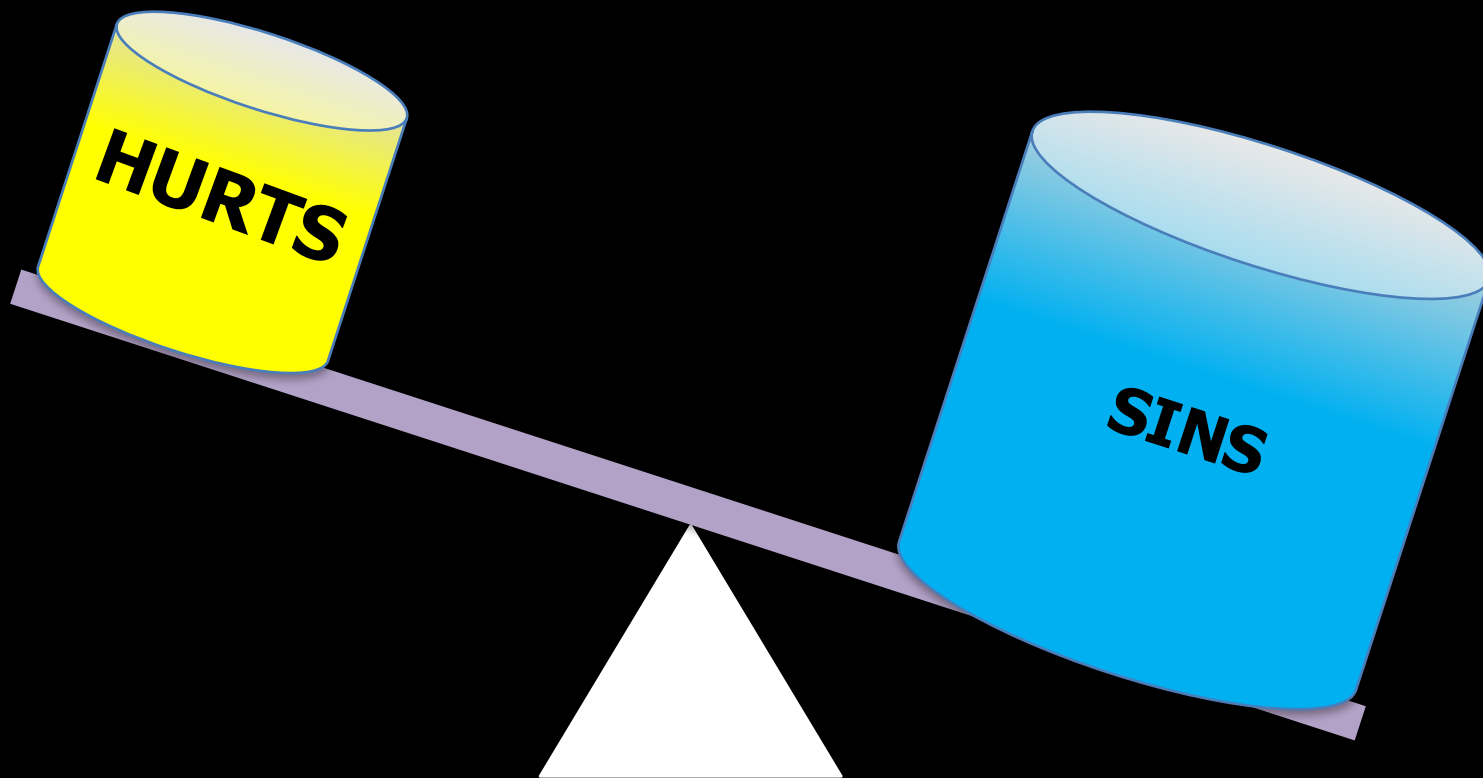


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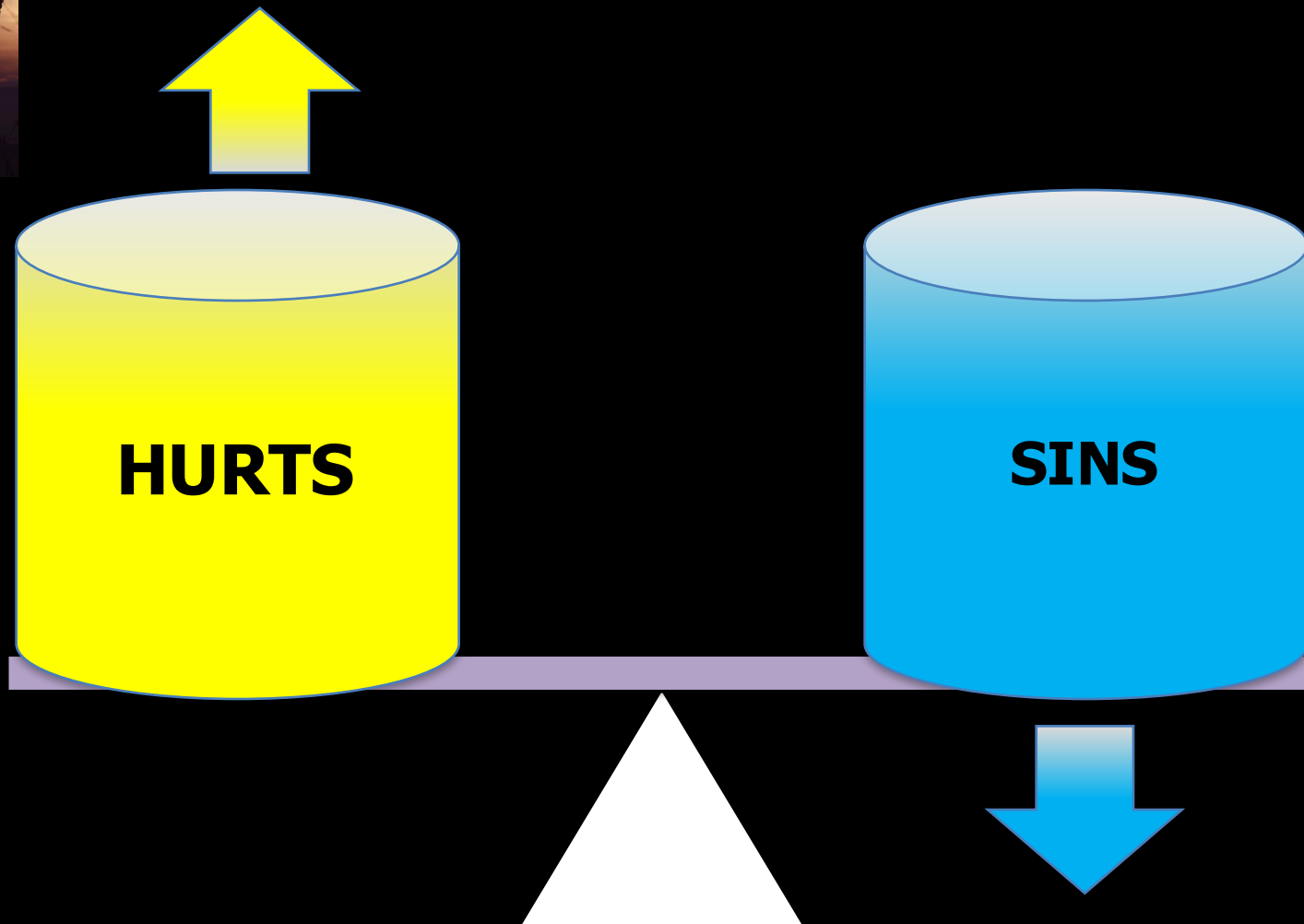


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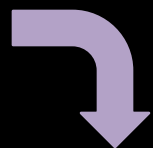
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# "THE SIX SINS OF SELF..."

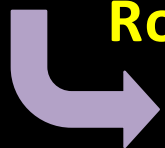
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**Galatians 6v3**



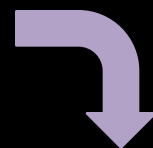
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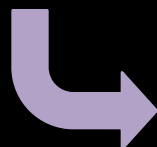
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**Luke 10v29**



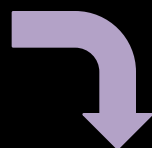
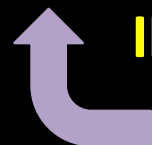
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**SELF GRATIFICATION**

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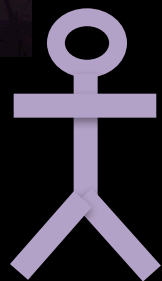
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# A "SOUND MIND"



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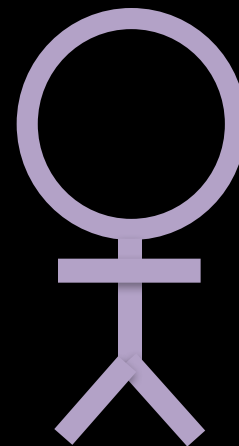
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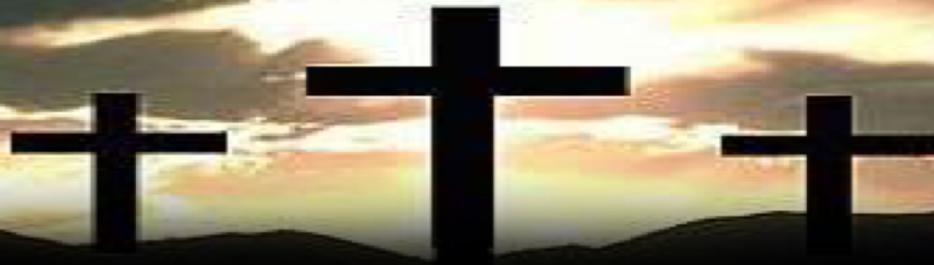
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**Self-righteousness**





# "THE IMPORTANCE OF BALANCE"



**EXTREME**

**Gnostics and  
Immorality**

**Liberalism**

**Unconditional  
Grace**

**Clean flesh**

**SOUND-MINDED**

**The Mind of Christ  
(the Truth)**

**EXTREME**

**Judaism and  
the Law**

**Conservatism**

**Legalism and  
works**

**Atonement for  
nature**



# “THE EXERCISE OF THOUGHT”

“If a man makes no effort to overcome evil by the **exercise of strengthening thought**, it indicates that his desire to avoid the evil is not very sincere”

**The Guiding Light Bro Islip Collyer Page 127**



# HABITUAL PRACTICE...

## **Ephesians 4v20-23**

"But ye have not so **learned** Christ; If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: That ye... be **renewed in the spirit of your mind.**"

## **Colossians 3v2**

"Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." (Lit: "**Practice occupying your minds...**")

## **Hebrews 5v14, 12v11**

"But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by **reason of use** (Margin: "**habit**") have their senses **exercised** to discern both good and evil."



# “WE ARE WHAT WE THINK ABOUT THE MOST!”

“We are aware that many thoughts flit into the conscious mind unbidden and perhaps even undesired. They may be presented to us through the senses, or they may be thrown up from the great store of memory. We cannot prevent this fleeting presentation even of evil thoughts, but we are perfectly conscious that we are able to make our selection of which thoughts to encourage and which to reject...

The tragic truth is that most of us fail to realize properly that **thought is real**. Yet in one sense it is the only reality. It precedes and causes action, and it remains after the action is over. A man may indulge an evil thought, supposing that it is only a thought, and of no importance. **It may be only a thought, but in the final issue, it is the man himself.**”

**Bro Islip Collyer The Guiding Light Page 129**





# THE PRACTICE...DAY BY DAY...

**(1)** When stressed, control your breathing to settle your mind

**Job 9v18, Lam 3v56, Acts 9v1**

**(2)** Always slow down and wait till the emotions pass to make the best decision

**Prov 14v29, Neh 5v7  
James 1v19**



**(3)** Write down feelings and thoughts for future review

**II Cor 13v10**

**(4)** Pray and meditate and peace will follow

**Phil 4v6-9**

**(5)** Keep reading and being "renewed in knowledge" and exercise the mind in spiritual things

**Col 3v10, Heb 5v14**



# THE PRACTICE...DAY BY DAY...

(6) Always remember that while we can't control the first thought, we can control the second!

**II Cor 10v5**

(7) When we are wronged, don't keep record, but pray for their welfare and seek to cover their sins

**I Cor 13v5, Matt 5v44, James 5v20**



(8) Instead of judging others, judge ourselves: make a list of our faults and actively overcome evil with good

**Rom 12v21**

(9) Be quick to apologize when we fall short and be willing to take the blame

**James 5v16, I Cor 6v7**

(10) Forget the mistakes and successes of the past and strive only on running towards Christ!

**Luke 9v59-62, Phil 3v13**



## “SPIRITUAL PROGRESS...”

“Every disciple, therefore, ought to be concerned about making **spiritual progress**. Sometimes the progress is imperceptible but that is not failure... To fall is not to surrender. If soldiers abandoned the fight because sometimes they were halted, no battle would ever be won. From the new position they take stock and plan the next advance. Sometimes, forward, sometimes backward, but as the sun westers they are forward from where it dawned, be the advance ever so small. So it is with the life of discipleship.”



# THE MIND OF CHRIST



**STUDY 6**  
**THE MIND OF CHRIST**  
The Power