

## Thoughts and Actions

**Proverbs 12:5-The thoughts of the righteous are right: but the counsels of the wicked are deceit.** (KJV)

Thoughts arising in the mind require assessment to ensure they are God-pleasing. When thoughts arise contrary to the Lord, they need to be immediately repelled. God-pleasing thoughts merit being readily transformed into beneficial actions. The Lord provides believers with thoughts and teachings nourishing to the soul. Believers benefit greatly when cherishing and acting on God-pleasing thoughts. Deceitful thoughts take hold in the mind when the Lord God is not greatly loved. God strengthens the believer's mind to carry out God-endearing actions in life.

**Proverbs 15:26-The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the LORD: but the words of the pure are pleasant words.** (KJV)

Words chosen and utilized in relationships give form to the believer's thoughts. God-pleasing thoughts enable relationships to develop and fully blossom. The faithful believer's mind leads to increased love of God and love of neighbor. Faithful believers scour the heart and mind to firmly repel any perilous thoughts. Filling the mind with the Holy Scriptures engenders God-pleasing thoughts. God's Holy Church teaches the benefits of nourishing the heart, mind and soul. Believers are responsible for the thoughts put into action during earthly life.

**Proverbs 16:3-Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.** (KJV)

Daily life is fraught with perils that will derail seekers of God's Kingdom. Remaining vigilant by guarding the heart and mind prevents peril to the soul. The Lord God offers mercy, love and peace to heal the heart, mind and soul. Willing minds embrace thoughts emanating from and directed toward the Lord. Thoughts give form and purpose to personal demeanor and daily interactions. Love of God and love of neighbor become known by thoughts put into action. Thoughts directly influence whether the soul's hunger is adequately addressed.

**Proverbs 21:5-The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness; but of every one that is hasty only to want.** (KJV)

Diligent thoughts lead the believer on the path to God's Heavenly Kingdom. Hasty thinking puts the soul in peril and creates a roadway to injuring the soul. The soul is worth more than the whole world and deserves continuous care. God blesses the believer with a mind to follow the narrow path to eternal life. Daily choices determine whether the believer actually will gain life eternal. Exercising the mind in a God-pleasing manner is the believer's responsibility. The believer's thoughts and actions create the record for the Final Judgment.

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