

# PURSUING OUR CAPACITY

A person with a backpack stands on a rocky mountain peak, looking out over a vast, hazy landscape of rolling hills and valleys under a clear sky.

**Kingdom Mentality**

# How Does God Think?

Responses:

- 1. I don't know**
- 2. Not as Man!**
- 3. Only God knows**

## 1 Corinthians 1:18-24 NLT

<sup>18</sup> **The message of the cross is foolish** to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God. <sup>19</sup> As the Scriptures say, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard the intelligence of the intelligent.” <sup>20</sup> So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars, and the world’s brilliant debaters? God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish.

<sup>21</sup> Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world **would never know him through human wisdom**, he has used **our foolish preaching** to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> It is foolish to the Jews, who ask for signs from heaven. And it is foolish to the Greeks, who seek human wisdom...<sup>24</sup> But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.

## 1 Corinthians 1:25-28 NLT

<sup>25</sup> This foolish plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God's weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength.

<sup>26</sup> Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. <sup>27</sup> Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. <sup>28</sup> God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important.

Isaiah 55:8-9 NIV

<sup>8</sup> “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord.

<sup>9</sup> “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

Can we think the thoughts of God?



## 1 Corinthians 2:10-16 NLT

<sup>10</sup> ...For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets. <sup>11</sup> No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit. <sup>12</sup> And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.

<sup>14</sup> But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit...for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means. <sup>15</sup> Those who are spiritual can evaluate all things...

<sup>16</sup> For, "Who can know the LORD's thoughts? Who knows enough to teach him?"

But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.

“You Have Heard... But I say”

## Jesus Challenges the Carnal Mindset!

Mathew 5: 21-48<sub>NLT</sub>

1. Murder... **begins in the heart**
2. Adultery...**equals lust in the heart**
3. Marriage... **sacred and binding**
4. Oaths...**do not swear at all**
5. Revenge/Retaliation... **resist evil**
6. Love... **even your enemies**

# Romans 12:2

NKJV: “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by **the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

NLT: “Don’t copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person **by changing the way you think**. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”

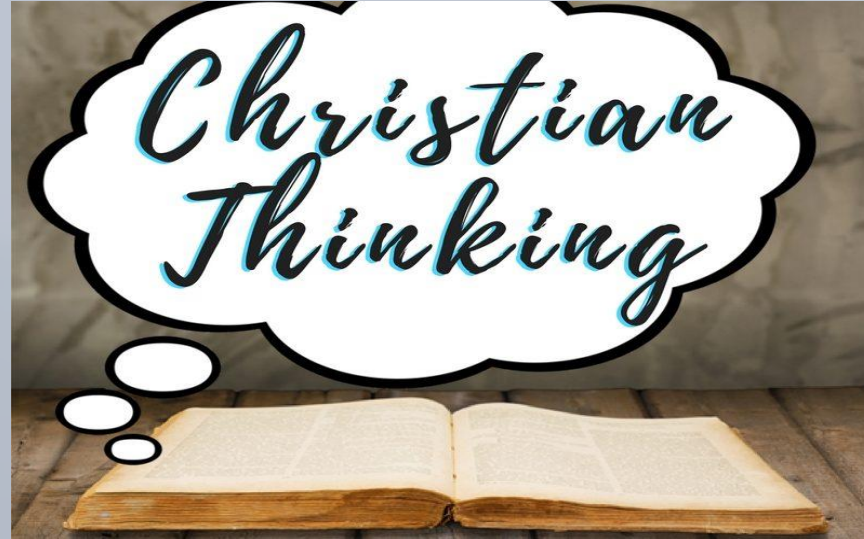


# God's Words... God's Thoughts

Perspective

Reason

Decision



Attitude

Imagination

Desire

Conscience

2 Cor 10: 4-5

“We use God’s mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.”

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A person in a blue shirt and dark shorts stands on a rocky mountain peak, looking out over a vast, hazy landscape of rolling hills and valleys. The scene is captured in a wide-angle shot, emphasizing the scale of the environment.

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