

Sin and the Corrosion of the Mind

God's Commandments make sense to me all the way around. I can see how those who abide by them, in spirit, not merely in letter, will excel and prosper even in this life. Jesus said that whoever sins is a slave of sin, and I have come to understand this by experience. Sins change the very things I strive for, the things I want, and subsequently, they are the things that my mind meditates on and ponders. And it ties up and is a waste of the precious, finite mental power that has been granted to us.

Not only with lust, but also covetness, and even anger, I'm sure how everyone can see how many useless thoughts are spent wishing for something, or holding a grudge over some past event that we will later decide that is just better to drop altogether. Every thought and every minute spent thinking on such things is one less thought and one less minute that could be spent planning, preparing or understanding deeper more worthwhile things. Sometimes I don't even know what I missed or could have missed in the days or weeks I seem to be caught up in mental dissipation.

Then when I turn back to God, and ask forgiveness for sinning against Him in thought, it always seems like His voice speaks to me, allowing me to understand hidden and deeper meanings behind things that were always there but I had never taken the time to understand. Maybe He is speaking to us all the time, but focusing on base things distracts us and limits our ability to get the oh so helpful information that He steadily bombards us with. Then we wonder why He isn't helping us in our hardships, and we complain and argue with Him...

As finite beings, we are limited in ability, time, and space...but this also holds true for mental abilities. No one can serve two masters He told us. and when we desire, and contemplate anything base or sinful I guess we are choosing that which He told us not to choose over Him. And we suffer consequences and experience loss.

How much lost time and potential have we spent on meaningless nothings? Probably all of us have spent a great deal. But how much more will we spend on meaningless nothings is probably the more important question. Cause once we know, and understand, and see the destruction wrought in our attaining our maximum potential that God willed and created us to be, well at that, or this, point, we no longer have an excuse and can claim to be the passive ignorant victim.

Obedience to Christ frees up the higher parts of the Mind, the Soul, and allows us to be transformed into all that He created us to be. To realize our fullest potential. To be a better servant, a better tool for His use in advancing the interests of the kingdom.

For someone who desires to serve the Lord to the utmost capacity in

which he is capable of serving Him, who wouldn't want that?