

## Our Thoughts

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The mind is the control tower of life. Your thoughts greatly influence not only your successes, failures, and choices but also your relationship with the Lord & others. Godliness comes from thinking the way God does.

Yet there are several problems that can negatively impact our thoughts. One of the most persistent is the influence of our past. When I was saved, God gave me a new spirit and a new life. (Even though I'm incarcerated, living a new life consists of how you live, not where you're living)

By allowing me to start over, God didn't blot out my past from my mind. He wants us to be able to draw from our good & bad experiences when ministering to others. We always need to know where we've been and where we want to go. He also wants us to know how important it is for us to remember what He rescued us from.

Unsuitable input is also ~~problem~~ another problem that invades our thoughts. Though we may think we are immune to the effect of harmful influences, what we allow into our minds greatly impacts our thinking.

Unrighteous input creates an acceptance of and desire for worldly things. It can also lead to internal conflict: our godly thoughts are at odds with our ungodly appetites, which creates feelings of tension & guilt. As we begin to edit God from various parts of our lives, we allow Satan to gain a foothold. But Satan can be defeated. Our minds are

H.W.S similar to computers. Properly programming  
our minds can protect us from the traps and  
snarls of life.

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