

**A TOPICAL STUDY OF THE BOOK OF PROVERBS**

Lesson 3

**SECTION : WHO AND WHAT I AM  
TOPIC: MY MIND**

**INTRODUCTION**

The mind is the "control-center" of the spiritual life. In order for the mind to rule the tongue and influence the heart, it must be filled with the wisdom and knowledge of God and become like-minded with the mind of Jesus Christ.

**SCRIPTURE SEARCH**

This section of your homework highlights the scriptures found in Proverbs on this topic. You may notice that Proverbs does not contain the word "mind". However, Proverbs does refer to the mind as the place of understanding, thoughts, knowledge and plans. Many proverbs illustrate the results of the activities of your mind - both good and bad. Look up and comment on some or all of those listed below.

**THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MIND**

Proverbs 23:7a (determines character) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Proverbs 16:22 (seat of understanding) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Proverbs 12:5a (origin of plans) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Proverbs 10:14 (storehouse) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Proverbs 29:11 (control center) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Proverbs 15:26 (capable of evil) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Proverbs 20:15 (affects the mouth) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SCRIPTURE RESEARCH**

This part of your homework gives additional Biblical references for this topic. Look up and comment on *at least* one verse in each topic:

General Reference

Titus 1:15 \_\_\_\_\_

The Carnal Mind

Psalms 94:11 \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 1:28 \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 8:7 \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 4:17 \_\_\_\_\_

Colossians 2:18 \_\_\_\_\_

The Double Mind

Luke 16:13 \_\_\_\_\_

James 1:8 \_\_\_\_\_

James 4:8 \_\_\_\_\_

The Spiritual Mind

Romans 8:6 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalms 143:5 \_\_\_\_\_

Isaiah 26:3 \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 22:37 \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 12: 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Mind of Christ

I Corinthians 2:16 \_\_\_\_\_

Philippians 2:5-8 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Wise Thoughts**

Psalms 48:9 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalms 63:6 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalms 119:59 \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 12:3 \_\_\_\_\_

Philippians 4:8 \_\_\_\_\_

Colossians 3:2 \_\_\_\_\_

**SCRIPTURE REACTION**

Now spend some time reacting to the verses you have searched and researched. Which scriptures spoke to you most strongly? Why? You may want to choose a verse that really spoke to your heart. Read it several times. Meditate on it. Some questions you may ask yourself are:

- What is the context of the verse?
- What are the important words in this verse?
- What is the verse actually saying - what do I observe?
- What other scriptures relate to this verse?
- How have I fallen short of the instructions in this verse?
- How can I practically apply this verse to my life?

SCRIPTURAL ACTION

What words would you use to describe the activities of your own mind? (i.e. carnal, double minded)?

What actions do you now need to incorporate into your life to fulfill your responsibility to these scriptures?

What plans need to be made and what steps need to be taken to bring you into proper alignment with God's Word? Enter your prayer for this plan in the prayer journal section of your notebook.

SCRIPTURE CHALLENGE

This section of your homework is for those who desire a deeper understanding of this topic.

The Lord had a message for His people concerning their thoughts and activities. He gave it to the prophet Haggai. Read chapter 1 of the Book of Haggai and record what you observe about a mind that puts its own concerns first and God's second.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Meditate on and memorize the following scripture:

*"Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy - meditate on these things."*

*Philippians 4:8*