

Managing the Mind

Why do you think these (negative) things?

Mark 2:8 (1-12)

- **Mark 2:4-9 (NIV)** ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." ⁶ Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, **thinking** to themselves, ⁷ "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ⁸ Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were **thinking** in their hearts, and he said to them, "**Why are you thinking these things?**"

⁹ Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? ¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...." He said to the paralytic, ¹¹ "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." ¹² He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"



WHAT'S YOUR FIRST REACTION?

- ☐ professor
- ☐ taxi driver
- ☐ doctor



WHAT'S YOUR FIRST REACTION?

- ☐ drug dealer
- ☐ basketball player
- ☐ software developer



WHAT'S YOUR FIRST REACTION?

- ☐ quiet & submissive
- ☐ straight A student
- ☐ criminal



WHAT'S YOUR FIRST REACTION?

- ☐ dumb
- ☐ model
- ☐ lawyer



WHAT'S YOUR FIRST REACTION?

- ☐ terrorist
- ☐ taxi driver
- ☐ tech genius



WHAT'S YOUR FIRST REACTION?

- ☐ maid
- ☐ school teacher
- ☐ illegal immigrant



WHAT'S YOUR FIRST REACTION?

- ☐ gang member
- ☐ business graduate
- ☐ restaurant worker

Why am I
thinking
these things?

Descriptions of the negative mind in the Bible

Corrupted mind (Tit.1.15; 1 Tim.6.5).

Depraved/Perverse mind (2 Tim.3.8; Prov.12.8).

Sinful mind (Col.2.18). Dark mind (Rom.1.21; Eph.4.18).

Blinded mind (2 Cor.4.4). Hardened mind (2 Cor.3.14).

Confused mind (Rom.1.21). Poisoned mind (Acts.14.2).

Unspiritual mind (Col.2.18). Shut and closed mind (Isa.44.8; Job.17.4).

Minds that cannot rest (Ecc.2.23). Unfruitful mind (1 Cor.14.14).

Out of your mind (1 Cor.14.23). Double-minded (Jas.1.8, 4.8).

Dull mind (2 Cor.3.14).

2 surprising facts the mind in the Bible

- 1.No explicit explanation for the cause of a negative mind
- 2.No detail explanation for managing a negative mind

Rom.12:2 (NIV), ‘Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...’

Eph.4:23 (NKJV), ‘and be renewed in the spirit of your mind’

Phil.4:8 (NIV), ‘⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things.’

Prov.23:7 (NIV), (in the margin) ‘⁷ for as he thinks within himself, so he is’

Exodus 11:1-2 (NIV), ¹ Now the Lord had said to Moses, "I will bring one more plague on Pharaoh and on Egypt. After that, he will let you go from here, and when he does, he will drive you out completely. ² Tell the people that men and women alike are to ask their neighbours for articles of silver and gold."

Exodus 12:35-36 (NIV) ³⁵ The Israelites did as Moses instructed and asked the Egyptians for articles of silver and gold and for clothing. ³⁶ The Lord had made the Egyptians favourably disposed toward the people, and they gave them what they asked for; so they plundered the Egyptians.

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