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# What's Your Problem?

## *Sin & Unholy Thinking*

part 6



**1. Reconsider** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.28)

*Romans 1:28-29a*

<sup>28</sup> Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done.

<sup>29</sup> They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. (NIV)

**2. Replace** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.28-29a)



# Application Questions

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.*

1. Describe the connection between sinful behavior and a person's thought life? What are some of the unrighteous thoughts you know you need to expel?
2. Considering the temptations you face, identify the ways your mind is assaulted and conditioned to think unbiblically by our culture.
3. What are some of the contributing factors that result in a lazy and undisciplined mind?
4. Read **Romans 12:2** and **Ephesians 4:22-24**. What are some of the most effective and practical ways Christians can "renew" their thinking?
5. Of the list of biblical "replacements" in the second part of the sermon, which have been most effective in expelling your sinful thoughts? Why do you think this has been so helpful?
6. Write out a prayer which expresses your commitment, reliance and resolve concerning your thought life?

## *Read Through the Bible in a Year*

Here's this  
week's schedule:

September 21<sup>st</sup>

*Is. 47-48 & 2Cor. 7*

September 22<sup>nd</sup>

*Is. 49-50 & 2Cor. 8*

September 23<sup>rd</sup>

*Is. 51-52 & 2Cor. 9*

September 24<sup>th</sup>

*Is. 53-54 & 2Cor. 10*

September 25<sup>th</sup>

*Is. 55-56 & 2Cor. 11*

September 26<sup>th</sup>

*Is. 57-58 & 2Cor. 12*

September 27<sup>th</sup>

*Is. 59-60 & 2Cor. 13*

September 28<sup>th</sup>

*Is. 61-62 & Gal. 1*

*Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.*

CD # 0533 – **More Than a Creed: From What I Believe to How I Think**

CD # 0213 – **How God Wants Us to Think Differently About Ourselves**

CD # 0214 – **How God Wants Us to Think Differently About Our World**

CD # 0114 - 0118 – **Internal Warfare** (a four-part series)

*Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.  
(To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to [www.CompassBooks.org](http://www.CompassBooks.org).)*

Alcorn, Randy. **Money, Possessions, and Eternity**. Tyndale House, 2003.

Daniels, Robert. **The War Within: Gaining Victory in the Battle for Sexual Purity**. Crossway Books, 1997.

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Hutchinson, John. **Thinking Right When Things Go Wrong: Biblical Wisdom for Surviving Tough Times**. Kregel, 2005.

Jones, Peter. **Capturing the Pagan Mind: Paul's Blueprint for Thinking and Living in the New Global Culture**. B&H, 03.

MacArthur, John. **Anxious for Nothing: God's Cure for the Cares of Your Soul**. Victor Books, 2006.

Minnery, Tom, ed. **Pornography: A Human Tragedy**. Tyndale House, 1986.

Moreland, J. P. **Love God with All Your Mind: The Role of Reason in the Life of the Soul**. NavPress, 1997.

Piper, John. **A Godward Life: Savoring the Supremacy of God in All of Life (Book 2)**. Multnomah Press, 1999.

Roberts, Maurice. **The Thought of God**. Banner of Truth, 1994.

Stott, John R. W. **Your Mind Matters**. InterVarsity, 1972.

Veith, Gene Edward. **Loving God with All Your Mind: Thinking as a Christian in the Postmodern World**. Crossway, 03.

Wagner, David. **Secret Sins of the Heart: Freedom from the Chains of Pornography**. Essence Publishing, 2001.