

Doctrine of the Mind

1. The mind refers to the immaterial part of a person consisting of the intellect, emotions and will.
 - *Matthew 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, [emotions] and with all thy soul [will], and with all thy mind [intellect].*

2. The mind can become possessed by a demonic invasion.
 - *Mark 5:2 And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, ...15 And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.*

3. In the mind memory is stored.
 - *Mark 14:72 And the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept.*
 - *Romans 15:15 Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, because of the grace that is given to me of God,*

4. The mind meditates on different matters of concern.
 - *Luke 1:29 And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.*

5. The mind can become doubtful as conflicting thoughts are meditated upon. In the matter of trusting God, a doubting mind is forbidden.
 - *Luke 12:29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.*

6. There is honor in receiving the Word of God with a ready or accepting mind.
 - *Acts 17:11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.*

7. Humility is a thought process of the mind which allows for glad service of the Lord which is manifested in helping others.
 - *Acts 20:19 Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:*

8. When the gospel is rejected, God will judge the mind and make it worthless, or of no consequence in spiritual matters.
 - *Romans 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate [worthless] mind, to do those things which are not convenient;*
9. The law [principle] of residual sin in the body is hostile to the renewed mind and attempts to bring it captive to the law [principle] of sin.
 - *Romans 7:23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.*
10. The law [principle] of God is served or honored in the mind.
 - *Romans 7:25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.*
11. The carnal or fleshly mind is hostile against God, and is not subject, or submissive to the law of God. It is impossible for it to submit to God in any form.
 - *Romans 8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.*
12. As individuals have a mind, so does God the Holy Spirit, which proves that He is not merely a power or force but a divine personality, very God of very God.
 - *Romans 8:27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*
13. The mind and thoughts of God are infinitely superior to man's.
 - *Romans 11:34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or who hath been his counsellor?*
14. Christians are to renew their mind and not be conformed, or pressed into the thinking of this world.
 - *Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*
15. Unity is a large theme in *Scripture*. This unity is based on humility, equality and selflessness.
 - *Romans 12:16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.*

- *1 Corinthians 1:10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*
- *2 Corinthians 13:11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.*
- *Philippians 1:27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;*
- *Philippians 2:2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.*
- *Philippians 2:3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.*
- *Philippians 3:16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.*
- *Philippians 4:2 I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord.*
- *Philemon 14 But without thy mind would I do nothing; that thy benefit should not be as it were of necessity, but willingly.*
- *1 Peter 3:8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:*
- *1 Peter 4:1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;*

16. The purpose of unification is to bring glory to God.

- *Romans 15:6 That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

17. There are some matters in which every believer must exercise the privacy of the priesthood as they come to a settled conclusion.

- *Romans 14:5 One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.*

18. It is possible to have the mind of Christ.

- *1 Corinthians 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.*

19. It is possible for believers to have a fervent mind of love one for another.

- *2 Corinthians 7:7 And not by his coming only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us your earnest desire, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me; so that I rejoiced the more.*

20. Whatever resources are given to the Lord should be given with a willingly mind.

- *2 Corinthians 8:12 For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.*

21. Whatever work is done should be done as unto the Lord and with a ready mind.

- *2 Corinthians 8:19 And not that only, but who was also chosen of the churches to travel with us with this grace, which is administered by us to the glory of the same Lord, and declaration of your ready mind:*
- *2 Corinthians 9:2 For I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal hath provoked very many.*

22. There are inappropriate desires which originate in the mind.

- *Ephesians 2:3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.*

23. The end of the worldly mind is self, and eternal destruction.

- *Philippians 3:19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)*

24. The mind of the believer is to be distinguished from the mind of the world.

- *Ephesians 4:17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,*

25. It is possible for the mind to be renewed.

- *Ephesians 4:23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;*

26. There is a particular mind that is to characterize the believer. It is the same mind as that of Christ.
- *Philippians 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*
27. In matchless and marvelous grace Christ has reconciled those who were alienated to Him and an enemy of Him in their mind.
- *Colossians 1:21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled*
28. The fleshly mind is characterized by acts of self mutilation, asceticism, worshipping angels, a fascination with the spirit world, and moral impurity.
- *Colossians 2:18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,*
 - *Titus 1:15 Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.*
29. The renewed mind is characterized by mercy, kindness, humility, meekness, and longsuffering.
- *Colossians 3:12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;*
30. The Lord desires for Christians to face life unafraid of the future. This can be done only with a stable mind.
- *2 Thessalonians 2:2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.*
 - *2 Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*
31. Pastors are to remind believers to honor authority and to do good works.
- *Titus 3:1 Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work.*

32. God has promised to place His laws or ruling principles into the mind of those who belong to Him.

- *Hebrews 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:*

33. Every believer has a responsibility to guard the mind so that it is mature and hopeful.

- *1 Peter 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;*

34. Pastors are to minister with a ready mind.

- *1 Peter 5:2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;*

35. As believers are to be united, so unbelievers can be united in evil or injurious behavior.

- *Revelation 17:13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.*