

## Take No Thought

“Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life...” Matthew 6:25

Jesus said this to his disciples in his sermon on the mount. He was drawing a dividing line between money and God, and he was teaching on placing our hearts on true treasure. He was drawing a line between the world and the kingdom of God.

It is interesting how he starts this, because he says “take no thought.” He knows that the thoughts of our heart and mind are one and the same. It is here that the battle is decided. We choose blessing or curse from here. It is here that we can be drawn away.

2 Corinthians 2 KJV

11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

The word devices here in the King James in Greek is *noema*. It is interesting that this word also means thoughts or concept of the mind. So “we are not ignorant of his thoughts or concepts of the mind.” The mind and our thoughts can also be strengthened to do God’s will. (1 Corinthians 2:16, 1 Peter 4:1,2).

1 Peter 5:7 says, “Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.” Look what follows in the next verse, “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:” When our thoughts turn into worry, look who is waiting.

So Jesus says, in Matthew 6:31-33

“Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

Jesus is saying remove our own thoughts because they are tied up in this world (treasure on earth). He wants us to take these and “cast them upon him for he cares for us” 1 Peter 5:7 KJV. Instead we are to think of His kingdom which is eternal because it will not fade, and “all these (other) things shall be added unto you.” When our thoughts are on His plan, His kingdom, it is then that we can bear fruit. “I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.” John 15:5 KJV

Do you see what Jesus is doing? He is replacing our thoughts or cares with what? Faith. We take off our own thoughts, and replace them with faith in Christ because without him we can do nothing (John 15:5). “...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, and perfect **will of God**.” Romans 12:2

We have to renew our mind. 1 Corinthians 2:12 says “Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God...” and verse 16 follows “But we have the **mind** of Christ.”

So we have the mind of Christ! 1 Peter 4:1 says “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;” Arm ourselves with the mind of Christ. Verse 2 continues so that we “no longer should live the rest of his (our) time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the **will of God**. (parenthesis mine for clarification)

We live in victory, in fruitfulness if we put on the mind of Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:4,5

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive **every thought** to make it obedient to Christ.

Heavenly Father, we acknowledge that our life is not about us. It is about you and your glory, your honour and your praise. Father, we accept that our life is not ours, for we were bought at a price. Help us to renew our thoughts with your word. We take every thought captive to make it obedient to Christ. Amen.

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## TEXT

### 1 Peter 4 KJV

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2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the **will of God**.

### 1 Peter 5 KJV

7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

### Matthew 6 KJV

25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

### 2 Corinthians 3:14

But their minds were hardened; for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains unlifted, because it is removed in **Christ**.

### 2 Corinthians 4:4

in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of **Christ**, who is the image of God.

### 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.

### 1 Corinthians 2:12-16

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God,

13 which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.

14 But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.

15 But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one.

16 For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the **mind** of Christ.

### 2 Corinthians 10

4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

2 Corinthians 2 KJV

11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.  
or schemes or thought (noema)

Ephesians 6

17 And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

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**,

Matthew 6:24-

24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.