

- I. ONE THING—The One Thing that I'd like to take away from today's class and believe God to accomplish in my life is:

II. MEDITATION

A. Review your class notes from Tuesday.

1. Take some time to think about the main ideas of the lesson. If you want to add details to your notes, you'll find the audio message on our website under the Resources tab. (www.DivineDesignDiscipleship.com).
2. Which of the scriptures referenced were particularly meaningful to you? Write out those verses below and spend some time studying them this week.

B. Rewrite your One Thing into a prayer, expressing your heart's desire for God to make this truth become your experience.

III. PRINCIPLES

Use the principles found in these Scriptures to help you understand and cultivate a new way of thinking. This process will transform you to become more and more like Christ:

A. Mind of Christ (MOC) Fundamentals Revisited

- God wants us to take His Word from our heads to our hearts: Ps 51:6 NAS— Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, And in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom.
- Western learning techniques, such as reason, logic, and analysis, lead to frustration and little fruit. This type of “knowing” is not life-giving but lifeless information: Jn 5:39 NLT-- You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me!
- Satan’s temptation regarding the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil contained these lies:
 - You can figure it out yourself.
 - God doesn’t have your best interest at heart.
 - Don’t listen to God; listen to your desires instead.
- The Hebrew word for knowledge = “yada,” meaning “personal encounter”
- When we don’t understand, we don’t want to wrestle with information by reason or analysis; we want to wrestle with God. The only command to reason in Scripture is found here: Is 1:18— “Come now, and let us reason together,” says the Lord
- God promises to freely give us wisdom when we ask: Jm 1:5— If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.
- Jesus operated from a foundation of true knowledge concerning the core issues of His Identity, Reality, and Destiny: Jn 13:3-5 NAS-- *Jesus*, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God, got up from supper, and *laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself. Then He poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples’ feet.
- Insights:

B. Identity

- Identity, defined-- condition or character as to who a person or what a thing is; the qualities, beliefs, etc., that distinguish or identify a person or thing (Dictionary.com)
- As we align with the MOC, our most basic identity becomes that of sonship: Rom 8:14-17-- For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ
- God audibly identified Jesus as His beloved Son several times. (Mt 1:11, Mt 17:5, Lk 3:22)
- Even in hard times, Jesus asserts His sonship by frequently and unequivocally calling God “My Father.” (Ex: Mt 11:7; Lk 2:49, Jn 2:16; Jn 5:23,26)

- Our underlying belief systems, those that we may hold on a subconscious level, become evident when challenged by circumstances.
- Adam and all his offspring (us!) rejected our identify as sons & daughters to align with the Father of Lies. (Jn 8:44) Every believer has been infected with orphan thinking due to this legacy.
- As we receive God's testimony about our identity as His child, we are able to know Him more:
 - Mark 9:37 AMP-- Whoever in My name *and* for My sake accepts *and* receives *and* welcomes one such child also accepts *and* receives *and* welcomes Me
 - Gal 4:22-28 (selected) NIV-- For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and the other by the free woman. His son by the slave woman was born according to the flesh, but his son by the free woman was born as the result of a divine promise...Now you, brothers and sisters, like Isaac, are children of promise.
- Insights:

C. Reality

- As we line up with the Mind of Christ, we begin to see & handle the issues of our lives differently:

**TRUTH INFORMS MY REALITY
VS.
OUR REALITY DEFINING WHAT'S TRUE**

- Jn 16:33 NIV—I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.
- There's no escaping the reality of trouble though it looks different at different times:
 1. Some of us are dealing with mere frustrations and irritations.
 2. Others are experiencing affliction that is long-standing and intense.
 3. Jesus was troubled as He faced betrayal and the Cross: Jn 13:21 NAS-- Jesus had said this, He became troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, that one of you will betray Me."
- Use the handout "Tools & Technique: I Feel But God Says" to help you cultivate the mind of Christ in light of your current circumstances. It is a practical way to "take every thought captive."
- Seek God's presence and His truth when you need to Think Again: Ps 73:16-17-- When I thought *how* to understand this, it was too painful for me—Until I went into the sanctuary of God
- No matter what your situation, if you continue to rehearse the truth it will eventually go into "The Vault": Rom 14:5 KJV—Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.
- Insights:

D. Destiny

- Christ was unwaveringly focused on God's purpose: Lk 9:51 TV-- The time approached for Him to be taken back up *to the Father*; so strong with resolve, Jesus made Jerusalem His destination.
- The MOC was founded upon Yada-Knowing (personal encounter) on at least two levels:
 1. In that very hour Jesus knew the Father because He had a personal encounter with Him in prayer: Jn 17:1-3-- Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, **2** as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.
 2. He also had intimate knowledge of God's trustworthy love and character: Jn 17:24-26-- "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare *it*, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."
- We can apply these examples of Jesus by:
 - 1) Taking time out to seek God's wisdom and counsel about His plans for our lives
 - 2) Remembering God's past faithfulness
 - 3) Exercising faith to trust Him yet again
 - 4) Being intentional to get to know God more intimately.
- God's glory is the destiny and purpose for every child of God: Ps 73:24 NLT-- You guide me with your counsel, leading me to a glorious destiny.
- Insights:

E. Continue to apply the principles from our previous teaching on the Mind of Christ:

- Make it a priority to take advantage of God's promise: Jm 4:8—Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.
- Meditate on the Scriptures we've covered using these verbs: chew, speak, sing, moan, mourn, roar, and imagine.
- Prayerfully consider areas of your life where there's no bumper crop. What is keeping you from really hearing God's Word & putting it into practice? Record your thoughts here:

- Invite God to reveal misinformation, lies, or deceit that has been sown in your life. In this season of Thinking Again, trust that He will reveal His truth that will bring new freedom!
- Keep a written record of how God ministers to you this week. If you don't have one, start a spiritual journal. Come back ready to share what you've experienced.