

- 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. Rivalry

- We see from this Scripture that there are no conflicting thoughts and desires in the Mind of Christ (MOC): Jm 3:18 AMP—The harvest of righteousness (of conformity to God’s will in thought and deed) is [the fruit of the seed] sown in peace by those who work for *and* make peace [in themselves and in others, that peace which means concord, agreement, and harmony between individuals, with undisturbedness, in a peaceful mind free from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts].
- Within us, however there is conflict that hinders us as we seek to cultivate the MOC:
 - Jm 4:1 NIV--What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don’t they come from your desires that battle within you?
 - Gal 5:17 AMP--For the desires of the flesh are opposed to the [Holy] Spirit, and the [desires of the] Spirit are opposed to the flesh (godless human nature); for these are antagonistic to each other [continually withstanding and in conflict with each other]
- Our new hearts desire to please God. But we are sure to fail unless our minds are renewed: Rom 8:5, 7 NIV-- Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires...The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so.
- Insights:

B. Reason

- We all have thought patterns that are not in alignment with what Scripture says. They take the form of reason or logic that is “raised up” to keep us from true knowledge of God.
- Satan opposes the MOC by targeting our thought life: 2 Cor 10:4-5 AMP-- For the weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood], but they are mighty before God for the overthrow *and* destruction of strongholds, [Inasmuch as we] refute arguments *and* theories *and* reasonings and every proud *and* lofty thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God; and we lead every thought *and* purpose away captive into the obedience of Christ
- Strongholds are composed of thoughts, ideas, and values that are opposed to the truth of God and the knowledge of God.
- In them the enemy is easily concealed and from them he works to kill, steal and destroy.
- Jesus exposed reasoning in His disciples: Mk 8:14-19-- The disciples had forgotten to take bread, and they did not have more than one loaf with them in the boat. Then He charged them, saying, “Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.” And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “*It is* because we have no bread.” But Jesus, being aware

of *it*, said to them, “Why do you reason because you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive nor understand? Is your heart still hardened? Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember?”

- Jesus talked to them about wrong thinking (leaven) that rises up and is exposed by the heat of difficult circumstances. :
 1. Leaven of Herod—humanly based mindsets that exclude God entirely; seen in Christians when they function as “practical atheists” due to unbelief or ignorance
 2. Leaven of Pharisees—religious thought systems in which God is at the center yet remains impersonal or powerless
- Instead of meditating on the truth or on the amazing work of God they had witnessed, they set their minds on, meditated on, and reasoned contrary to the truth and character of God!
- The disciples saw the miracle provision of food as a temporary intervention. It was also a revelation of God’s heart and His covenant relationship with His children, but they did not see it.
- Insights:

C. Revelation

- The Israelites allowed the enemy to distract them from truly knowing God in the desert in the same way that the disciples did in the boat. Both had seen God’s work not His heart.
- When Moses saw the acts of God, he used them as a springboard for knowing God personally: Ex 33:13— Let me know your ways so I may understand you more fully
- Relational intimacy with God enables us to receive revelation in a way that leads to strong conviction and minds aligned with God. Moses and Joshua demonstrate this: Ex 33:11-- Inside the Tent of Meeting, the Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Afterward Moses would return to the camp, but the young man who assisted him, Joshua son of Nun, would remain behind in the Tent of Meeting.
- Moses got in touch with his deepest desire -- knowing God. As he grew to truly know and trust Him, he became more single-minded and stable, fixed on doing God’s will.
- Joshua saw something between Moses and God that he wanted. God promised Joshua something that we can appropriate: Josh 1:5—“As I was with Moses, so I will be with you.”
- God spoke with Joshua intimately. He gave Him reassurance relationally as well as counseling and instructing him on practical matters.
- Joshua conquered the enemy and possessed his inheritance. One failure was recorded as he fought to destroy 31 strongholds. He resorted to reason instead of revelation. (Joshua 7)
- When he failed to seek the Lord, Joshua missed the opportunity for God to reveal vital information that would’ve prevented defeat. God did give him a 2nd chance and the victory.
- Scripture is intended to teach us God’s ways and invite us to relationship: Rom 15:4 NIV-- For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

- The primary way God communicates with us is by the Spirit of God taking the Word of God and revealing it to us in a way that it penetrates beyond our heads to our hearts.
- When we meditate on the written Word (*logos*), we position ourselves to receive a personal (*rhema*) word from God.
- Personal, *rhema* words come with faith and power: Rom 10:17-- So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word (*rhema*) of God.
- Study the Scriptures on the handout “Tools & Techniques: Listening to God” to help you grow in your communication with God.
- Jesus lived His life by revelation of God in the context of intimate relationship:
 - Jn 5:19 NIV-- Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.
 - Mk 1:35--Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.
 - Lk 5:16-- But Jesus Himself would *often* slip away to the wilderness and pray.
- Pray this amazing prayer that Paul prayed for believers in his day. It is a prayer that God will delight to answer: Eph 3:17-19 AMP-- For I always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him, by having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know *and* understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set-apart ones), and [so that you can know and understand] what is the immeasurable *and* unlimited *and* surpassing greatness of His power in *and* for us who believe
- Insights:

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

- Make it a priority to get to know God more intimately. Spend time with Him in pursuit of true, biblical, “yada” knowing through His Word and His Spirit.
- Meditate on the Scripture using these verbs: chew, speak, sing, moan, mourn, roar, and imagine.
- Discover your deeper desires using these questions:
 1. Where are my thoughts obsessing or my emotions expressing themselves intensely?
 2. How am I reacting to the circumstances (fight, flight, avoiding, acting out, etc.)?
 3. What are those actions accomplishing in terms of my wants or desires?
 4. Is there something deeper that I want even more?
- 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 in your journal.
- 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!
- 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.”
- 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.