

Key verses on the Thought Life

The first and most important thing is to make Jesus the Lord of our life, to love Him and be filled with His Spirit:

Mark 12:30: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

We then have the mind of Jesus Christ:

1 Cor 2:16: "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

So that we can set our mind on what God's Spirit desires:

Rom 8:5-8: 5 Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. 6 The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; 7 the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. 8 Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.

Then our mind will begin to be "transformed":

Rom 12:2: Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.

The things that we dwell on are a choice and we must practice this regularly:

Phil 4:8-9: 8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me — put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Now, we can take action and those actions will be based on what we know to be true and good and we can be holy just as He is holy:

1 Peter 1:13-16: 13 Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. 14 As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. 15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."