Valley Church Men's Conference

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Deconstructing Wrong Thinking

To maximize our potential and live the life God intended for us to live, We need a council of GREATNESS around us... men who love and care about us, and men who have the capacity and passion to bring out the best in us!

Q. What version of yourself are you bringing to your "world?"

Everyday, you and I are making decisions that create the future we will experience...

Never underestimate the power of a single decision. One decision can change everything!

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Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. – Romans 12:2 NLT

"How To Think Better"

An algorithm refers to the sequential steps and processes that should be followed to solve a problem.

4 Common Types of Algorithms:

Brute Force Algorithm: The simplest possible algorithm that can be devised to solve a problem.

Greedy Algorithm: A decision is made that is good at that point without considering the future.

Divide & Conquer Algorithm: An algorithm that divides the problem into sub problems and solves them.

Dynamic Algorithm: It simply means remembering the past and apply it to future corresponding results.

Example: The Jason Bourne Franchise

Jason Bourne's mind was programmed to a certain set of actions and he didn't know it!

Bourne suffered from disassociative amnesia... he had no memory of his own identity.

Disassociative Amnesia = the inability to recall important personal information that would not typically be lost with ordinary forgetting. It is usually caused by trauma or stress.

A Christ-followers, we must know our true identity.

Our true identity is NOT found in the world, or in the opinions of people. It is found in the Word of God and what He says about us!

Whose voice is loudest?

Biblical thinking should be the benchmark and standard for all areas of life.

Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you, but be inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit through a total reformation of how you think. This will empower you to discern God's will as you live a beautiful life, satisfying and perfect in his eyes. – Romans 12:2 (TPT)

How To "Think Better!

Ephesians 4:22-23 NIV

"You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."

Four "Shifts" to help you THINK better

#1 – Shift your thoughts from passive to active

Romans 12:11-12

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

#2 – Shift your thoughts from concerned to confident

Phil. 4:6-7

Don't worry about anything; **instead**, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. 7 Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

"INSTEAD" = the million \$ word!

Philippians 1:6 NIV

Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

#3 – Shift your thoughts from scarcity to abundance

Scarcity: Thinking I'll never enough.

Abundance: Thinking I always have more than enough.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

Abundance mindset: Your ability to see the truth through the lens of faith.

Paul said... (2 Cor. 4:8-9)

We are hard pressed on every side...but not crushed We are perplexed but not in despair I'm persecuted but I'm not abandoned Struck down not destroyed

#4 - Shift your thoughts from Can't to Can

Philippians 4:12-13

¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

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