

### 3<sup>rd</sup> John #13“Doing Good” Part 53<sup>rd</sup> John 11

**We are what we think and God, who created the human mind, holds the key to man’s mind and that key is God’s omniscience; Hebrews 4:13 “Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight.”**

Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

*God reads our minds like an open book and He allows us freedom of thought as well as freedom of choice but He holds us responsible for what we think and choose, so our thinking is very important.*

**When the soul of the believer receives divine viewpoint from biblical truth, the result is inner peace with a relaxed mental attitude, stability and inner unshakable happiness.**

But when the soul is full of human viewpoint or when mental attitude sins, such as pride, jealousy, bitterness, vindictiveness, guilt and hatred dominate the mentality of the soul, the result is inevitable self-induced misery.

*Mental attitude sins plus the absence of biblical truth leads to human viewpoint and can only produce disorientation to grace, leading to agony of soul.*

**Our decisions depend on what we think, so if human viewpoint dominates our soul, it will neutralize our Christian life.**

We cannot live God’s way until we think God’s way and that’s why so many Christians are trying to be spiritual by abstaining from taboos with human viewpoint represented by the fact that we must work for what we get.

*It’s generally true in life that the harder we work, the more we rec but this prin cannot be transferred to the spiritual life which God designed to be a life of grace where by grace we simply appropriate all that God provides!*

**The source of human viewpoint is the many factors that influence our thinking, such as environment or background; training in the home through observation and teaching; education, culture, history, traditions, achievements and the way of life we adopt along with religion or any system of faith and worship.**

But human viewpoint did not originate in the human mind; it began with Satan when he revolted against God in Isaiah 14 and since Satan cannot indwell believers, he attacks God’s people through their minds.

*He uses his demons as well as unbelievers to peddle his schemes and if he can infiltrate the minds of believers, he can neutralize them and they become casualties in the angelic dispute.*

**God divided the world into nations; Genesis 10:30-31, for its own preservation and so that there would be freedom to evangelize.**

The Satan-inspired view that man is basically good is another part of his strategy to trap the mind of man.

**The general view today seems to be that when people become Christians, they should stop using their minds and instead, operate on their feelings.**

They think they’re supposed to work themselves up into an emotional fervor and that’s worship.

*This gross misunderstanding and misapplication*

*of Scripture comes from lack of biblical truth and from pastors who, instead of teaching the Word of God, substitute programs to encourage the power of positive thinking, which is a nothing more than a system of self-hypnosis as the Christian way of life!*

**We may be physically exhausted; seemingly completely defeated as far as the odds are concerned; we may be deprived of our freedom but no one can stop us from THINKING those things which eventually will overcome the pressures and adversity of our situation!**

The Christian way of life is designed so that a believer can THINK AT ALL TIMES  
IN ALL PLACES!

*To continuously see life from the divine viewpoint is one of the greatest stabilizers we have.*

**Discernment requires mental alertness from a heightened study of biblical truth, resulting in the motivation to learn and use God's grace solutions to our problems.**

In eternity past, God provided a perfect solution to every problem in life, so we always have a choice between God's solutions or man's solutions which eventually end up in disaster.

*Discernment is the motivation to learn from continued study of biblical truth which includes motivation to learn God's problem-solving devices and have the power to apply them as circumstances dictate.*