

C. Take advantage of the gift of God (for the mind)

I put together the gift of Romans 12:3 with that described in 2 Timothy 1:7. See what God has given us as gifts for our living and service. The translation "sound mind" in Timothy is better rendered "self-control" and the idea is that God has given us power over the mental imaging of the mind. Don't allow the world to set patterns of thought for it but allow the truth of God's Word to show us what we ought to think and how we ought to think it. This applies to all aspects of the mind: from the deep thinking of philosophical truth to the everyday concepts of humor!

III. Conclusion: Let your mind be renewed. By prayer, commitment, meditation, worship, allow the mind to be "recreated" so to speak to follow the thinking patterns of the Lord and the things that please and honor Him.

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MESSAGE # 5: TOTALLY HIS: A SINGLE EYE

Biblical passage: Matthew 6:19-23

I. Introduction to the Study:

In my original planning for this series, messages 5 and 6 were individual messages. But when I got to the conference and realized that it was over the 4th of July, I put together messages 5 and 6 into one message and gave my "patriotic address" of why we as a nation should rejoice in the blessing of God. Therefore my sermon notes were considerably reduced for each talk and that is what I am presenting at this point....in my appendix I will show an outline for this 4th of July talk that has been given a lot of times with a lot of changes, emendations, etc. But the idea of a single eye is the concept of a reality of purpose and the challenge is to set one's eye on the will of God and to follow it resolutely.

II. Discussion: The things that come to view and hold your attention tend to mold the daily living and process. What you watch is enormously important whether you are driving a car or setting a goal for life. Matthew 6:22-23 cautions us on this line.