

Jesus, Lord of 2017: Lord of my Thoughts

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Philippians 4:4-8

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 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.

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• JESUS HOLDS ABSOLUTE TRUTH

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

If Jesus is to be Lord of our thoughts, 2nd we must understand that...

• WE ALSO HAVE AN ENEMY AFTER OUR MIND

John 8:42-44

42 Jesus said to them, "... 44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

SO HOW DO WE MAKE JESUS LORD OF OUR THOUGHTS?

1. CONTINUALLY PUT GODLY THINGS IN YOUR MIND

2 Cor 10:5

... take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

Col 2:8

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.

2. GET IN GOD'S WORD

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.

2 Tim 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

3. HANG WITH GOD'S PEOPLE

1 Cor 12:12

The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.

4. PRAY FOR WISDOM & DISCERNMENT FOR TRUTH

John 8:31

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."