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Theme: A Biblical Mindset

Scripture: Colossians 2:8 (HCSB)

“Be careful that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit based on human tradition, based on the elemental forces of the world, and not based on Christ.”

A Thought:

When I see a word, passage or phrase of interest the scribe inclination in me automatically stores them in my brain or in one my research folders. Recently I had the good fortune to have read one of the Christian classics of all time....A.W. Tozer's "God's Pursuit of Man." He "*invades the human soul*" one Christian pundit once said. How right he is. In my research for this week's theme the word "truth" was prevalent in many of my readings. Tozer illustrates the importance of "Truth" this way, "*Neglected Christian truths can be revitalized only when by prayer and long meditation we isolate them from the mass of hazy ideas with which our minds are filled and hold them steadily and determinedly in the focus of the mind's attention.*" The challenges for Christian men are tremendous. We are hopefully going against the grain of the omnipresent worldview. Hmm, possibly, unwittingly. I'm a spiritual cheerleader. Sadly the facts prove otherwise...Christian research guru George Barna states..."*having tens of millions simply accept Christ and then live in ways that do not reflect the values Jesus taught gains us little ground. In fact, a strong argument can be made that it loses ground for the cause of Christ as well as the good of humanity.*" While in prison and many, many miles from the church he founded in Philippi Paul sent a letter to them about the importance of being of one mindset. He wrote "*Just one thing: live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or am absent, I will hear about you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind, working side by side for the faith of the gospel, not being frightened in any way by your opponents.*" (Philippians 1:27-29 HCSB)

Now....what are your thoughts? Write them down.

Talk to yourself: Ideas for a Biblical Mindset

Read the Word regularly. Join a prayer or Bible group.

- Use Scriptures to filter your thought process.
- Avoid outside influences...be smart and diligent to what you see and hear. In short - practice discernment.
- Avoid temptations.
- Pray and communicate with the Lord.

Scriptures to read:

- Psalm 119:9-11, 18:21-22; Jeremiah 17:10; Philippians 3:3-8; Galatians 2:1-8, 20;
- 1 Corinthians 9:17; Jude 1-16; Colossians 2:8; 2 Timothy 3:1-5, 12-16; 2 Peter 1:16-21; 1 John 1;

Quote:

Scott L. Harris, Grace Bible Church, NY (Sermon) *“A Biblical mindset is characterized by striving to be transformed by the renewing of your mind having it cleansed by the word and Spirit.” (A paraphrase of Ephesians 5:26).*

Bottom Line:

How firm is our foundation in the Lord? Are you swayed by outside interests that promote worldview values? Is your faith weak...if so, why? In tough times do you take refuge in our Lord Jesus Christ? Listen to the brother of Jesus....Jude's exhortation is simple as we serve one God through Jesus Christ our Lord...Jude 1:25 (HCSB) *“To the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority before all time, now, and forever, Amen.”* Once a year national periodicals highlight 100 individuals of some accomplishment and many are men. I have never read or seen a particular man who claims to have the majesty, power, and authority before all time, now and forever. As Christian men we know who fits the bill...our savior Jesus Christ. So, get on with it...a biblical mindset is in order. It is not some fleeting tradition, opinion and or compromise. Gents, you cannot live a Biblical mindset if you have to dust off the cover of the Bible or have a heck of a time turning pages that stick to each other.

NOW.....THAT'S THE BOTTOM LINE.

Spiritual Dabbler, Your bro, Ray

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