

Thinking in a box

Today everyone is looking for someone who will think outside the box, right? You get promoted and celebrated if you do.

I want to submit to you that one of the areas you need to constantly work on is discipline in your thought life. What parameters do we have to think within? What is acceptable and what is not? We need to think in the box when it comes to victory in our Christian walk and relationship with God.

Your thinking has to be limited. You need to think small. Limit your thinking to very few things. You need to not let your mind go wild thinking about whatever. Your mind is like a womb where conception happens. You need to come back to thinking in the box. The box of God's Word. This is the box I'm talking about.

Many have erred in trying to think outside the box of God's word. They have plunged themselves into many problems and hardships. They departed from the Word of God. For instance, in an effort for some to be more inclusive have accepted homosexuality, LGBTQ as a way of life and have tried to legalize it even in the church in the name of love. This is not love and if they kept their thinking in the box (God's Word), they would not err like this from the fundamentals of the Word. God loves gays, but He did not change His Word to include what is wrong.

1. Philippians 4:8 *Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*

- True
- Honest
- Just
- Pure
- Lovely
- Good Report
- Virtue
- Praise

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- a) things that are “**true**,” or honorable, truthful, and upright.
You should not be thinking about lies. You need the Word of God to help you identify lies and stop thinking about them.
 - b) things that are “**honest**,” or honorable, truthful, genuine, and not characterized by deception or fraud
 - c) things that are “**just**,” or in accordance with what is right, or right conduct; any circumstance, fact, or deed that is right
 - d) things that are “**pure**,” or free from defilement or impurity
 - e) things that are “**lovely**,” or pleasing, agreeable, and inspiring love or affection
 - f) “**Good report**,” or a saying or report that is positive and constructive, rather than negative and destructive
 - g) “**Virtue**,” or moral excellence, righteousness, and goodness
 - h) “**Praise**,” or what is praiseworthy; expressing one’s esteem of others and their virtues
2. Romans 8:6 *For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.*
- a) What we think about will release death or life and peace. This also reveals that you cannot think on everything you like or else you will not have life and peace. You have to limit your thinking to the box of God’s Word.
 - b) If you want to experience life and peace, it does not happen by prayer, but by change of mind or change of thought in life.
3. Isaiah 26:3 *Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.*
- a) Thinking within the box of the Word will release perfect peace to you.