

What is an Imagination?

One of the major parts of our soul is our imagination. It has two sides to it; the positive and the negative imagination.

Below, I describe what our imagination is based on scripture:

a) Deep thought

Luke 1:51 “He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.”

- i) The New Testament Greek word that was translated “imagination” in Luke 1:51 is “DIANOIA,” and it means “deep thought” (Strong’s Concordance).
- ii) Matthew 22:37, the word “Mind,” in this verse means “understanding, our deep thoughts, and our imaginations,” Our thought is our “Calculation, reasoning, reflection, thought.”
- iii) Ephesians 1:8 (Paul prayed that our imagination would be enlightened)

b) Understanding

The New Testament Greek word that was translated “imagination” was translated “understanding” in Ephesians 4:18

c) Conception

Genesis 6:5 The Hebrew word that was translated “imagination” here is “YETSER,” and it means “conception (i.e., purpose)” (Strong’s Concordance).

Imagination of man= the womb of man where all his actions are conceived. If we do not want to conceive, we must guard our imagination (Womb). Our imagination is a part of our mind; call it the womb of the mind. Hope is the positive part of our imagination (womb of our mind). But we also have the negative side of our imagination. So, our imagination conceives whatsoever we want it to conceive; Positive or negative (Vain).

d) Memory

1 Chronicles 29:18 The Lord keeps from doing evil by keeping these thoughts forever in the imagination of the thoughts of our hearts. This verse is speaking about our memory or remembrance hence linking Imagination to memory. For us to keep our hearts prepared before the Lord, it must be done through our imagination (In this case our Memory).

e) Study

Psalm 2:1 The Hebrew word that was translated "imagine" in this verse is "HAGAH." That's the same word that was translated "meditate" in Psalm 1:2; Proverbs 15:28 and Proverbs 24:2. Our imagination is a major part of our studying. We can't study without it. The best students of anything are the ones that use their imaginations really well.

Meditation is taking words and pondering (studying, thinking) on them until a picture forms in your imagination. The picture you form on the inside will dictate or determine what you see on the outside.

f) Mind

Keeping our mind stayed upon the Lord is keeping our imagination stayed upon Him (Isaiah 26:3). The result is life and peace.

g) Revolve in the mind, Meditate

Acts 4:25 In this verse, the English word "imagine" was translated from the Greek word "MELETAO," and this Greek word means "to take care of, i.e. (by implication) revolve in the mind" (Strong's Concordance).

h) Discussion, Consideration, debate

Romans 1:21

The word imagination in this verse was translated from a Greek word which means Discussion, consideration or debate. So, we see that our mind is the place where our discussion, reasoning, consideration, takes place.

i) Seeing with your heart.

Romans 8:24 Hope is seeing something that can't be seen physically. Imagination is seeing with the heart what can't be seen with the eyes. Our hope is our positive imagination.

Imagination= Hope [Positive and Negative—Vain]

Hebrews 11:1 "Faith gives substance to what we hope for. No hope = no faith. Hope is like a thermostat. It's not the power unit, but it controls the power. Hope involves our imaginations So, putting all of this together, we see that we have to see the desired result in our imaginations before our faith can bring it to pass. We all use our imaginations; it's just that with most people it's become a vain imagination." —Mr. Andrew Wommack.