

What We Fill Our Minds With

There is a direct line that runs from our doctrine to our actions, from what is in our minds to what is in our words and ways... The heart spills over into life. Thoughts of God, and of all else, erupt into acts. The filling of the heart with wise thoughts of God becomes the most important, the most practical, business in the world.

~Tom Wells

I wrote this devotional Almost 6 years ago, but as we are all at home with an abundance of time, I thought it a good time to reflect on what we are doing with that time and how we our filling our minds during this unusual season in our lives...

“There is a time for everything, and everything on earth has its special season.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1 NCV

I can't agree with the quote above more... And as I spend more time in God's Word... And Filling my mind with HIM... I must say it is TRUE....

Don't become like the people of this world. Instead, change the way you think. Then you will always be able to determine what God really wants—what is good, pleasing, and perfect.

Romans 12:2 GWT

Jesus words to us today:

"It's what comes out of a person that makes him unclean. Evil thoughts, sexual sins, stealing, murder, adultery, greed, wickedness, cheating, shameless lust, envy, cursing, arrogance, and foolishness come from within a person. All these evils come from within and make a person unclean."

Mark 7:20-23 GWT

How we spend our time and what we focus on does in fact determine how we feel and think and act....

Blessed is the person who does not follow the advice of wicked people, take the path of sinners, or join the company of mockers. Rather, he delights in the teachings of the Lord and reflects on his teachings day and night.

Psalms 1:1, 2 GWT

There is so much crap (pardon my language) on TV these days... Every show promotes sin... Swearing and Killing are a given.... and most of the comedies are just plain stupid and completely inappropriate....

Therefore, put to death whatever is worldly in you: your sexual sin, perversion, passion, lust, and greed (which is the same thing as worshiping wealth). It is because of these sins that God's anger comes on those who refuse to obey him.

Colossians 3:5, 6 GWT

I have learned that there is SO much more out there to fill our minds with... There are SO many good informational shows on the Internet...

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12:21 NIV

I very rarely watch cable TV anymore... I spend my time in Gods Word or looking up a Christian based show on YouTube...

You say, “I am allowed to do anything”—but not everything is good for you. You say, “I am allowed to do anything”—but not everything is beneficial.

1 Corinthians 10:23 NLT

And there are so many great radio podcasts available now too.... With all kinds of good debates and interviews.... It's SO important to stimulate our minds with things of GOD... And NOT things of this earth...

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:5 NIV

Oh..... And the written word... The Bible of course is the Very Best... Nothing beats spending time directly in God's Word... listening intently to what He is saying to us...

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right

2 Timothy 3:16 NLT

I could read and listen and watch all these great things the rest of my life and still not take it ALL in... All about God and creation and history and science.... And the list goes on and on....

Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons.

1 Timothy 4:1 NLT

This also goes along with Who we spend our time with... We should always try to surround ourselves with fellow Christians.... Those whose job it is to teach and encourage us more and more in God's Word and His Ways....

So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 NLT

We must also remember to fill our kids minds with the right things too.. Letting them fill their minds with violent television shows... movies and video games has Got to make an impact on their thoughts and behaviors.... We need to pay attention to what they do in their free time...

Don't suppress the Spirit, and don't stifle those who have a word from the Master. On the other hand, don't be gullible. Check out everything, and keep only what's good. Throw out anything tainted with evil.

1 Thessalonians 5:19-22 MSG

It's important for ALL of us to fill our minds with things From God... Not from this world... Because if we fill our minds with things of this world... Then what we think... Say and do will reflect only things of this world...

Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

Ephesians 4:29 NLT

It's important to focus on God... Fill our minds in every way with Christian material... All of it helping us to grow in knowledge of our GOD... When we do this... I believe we will automatically think... Say... And do just as God desires..

And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God.

1 Peter 2:5 NLT

My prayer for us today is that we Spend our free time wisely.... Always choosing to fill our minds with things of God and NOT of this earth... The options are there... We just need to CHOOSE to take them.....
So if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that's where the action is. See things from his perspective.

Colossians 3:1-2MSG

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