

## HAVING THE MIND OF CHRIST

### PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

(Key verse: Philippians 2:5)

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

- A. The mind of Christ is the Attitude of Christ - to imitate Christ to follow Christ - he is a wonderful example.
- B. **Attitude** - a state of mind or thinking. A settled way of thinking or feeling about someone or something. An inward feeling expressed by outward behavior.
- C. May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day by His love and power controlling, all I do and say.
- D. “What if, for one day, Jesus were to become you? What if, for one day and one night, Jesus lives your life with his heart? Your heart gets the day off, and your life is led by the heart of Christ. His priorities govern your actions. His passions drive your decisions. His love directs your behavior. What would you be like? Would people notice a change? Would you still do what you had to plan to do?”

#### **I. MIND YOUR TONGUE**

The human tongue is a dangerous weapon and exceedingly difficult to control. It is “unruly evil, full of poison” (James 3:8) – similar to poisonous venom, a drop or two can be deadly. A tongue can poison minds and assassinate characters.

A. The tongue has ruined more reputations, wrecked more homes, split more churches, driven more men out of the ministry and caused more hatred than any other weapon in the world (Bible Center).

#### **B. Sins of the Tongue**

C. “**Suffer not thy mouth to cause the flesh to sin**” (Eccl 5:6)

- "Death and Life are in the power of the tongue" (Prov 18:21)
- “Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers” (Eph 4:29)
- “But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth” (Col 3:8)

D. **Use your tongue to:**

1. Share the Gospel message
2. Praise, glorify God and pray

3. Edify - build up and encourage one another

## II. MIND YOUR EYES

A. Avoid sins of the eyes

B. Violent television shows

C. Sin has a way of being attractive to mankind.

1. Adam and Eve (Gen 2:7-9, 16-17; 3:1-13)
2. David committed adultery with Bathsheba (2 Sam 11-12)

D. Satan is not a friend of any Christian – “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly” ( John 10:10).

- “I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid” (Job 31:1)
- “But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart” (Mat 5:28)
- “Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body” (1 Cor 6:18)
- Prov 6:27-28; Prov 4:14-15; 1 Cor 10:12-13; Ps 119:39
- Use your eyes for the glory of God - read the Bible "The Bible will keep you from sin or sin will keep you from the Bible" (Dwight L. Moody)

## III. MIND YOUR EARS

A. Do not listen to dirty and profane jokes, wicked and ungodly speeches, profane music and degrading sexually degrading music about women.

B. Listen to Christian music, sermons and godly advice.

- “Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners” (1 Cor 15:33)
- “Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God” (Psalm 119:115)
- 1 Cor 5:11; 2 Cor 6:14; Prov 13:20; Prov 14:7; Psalm 119:115

## IV. MIND YOUR LIPS

Do not allow tobacco, liquor and drugs pass through your lips.

A. Alcohol use in the United States

“Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise” (Prov 20:1).

B. Tobacco use in the United States

“What? know ye not that your **body is the temple** of **the** Holy Ghost which **is** in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own” (1 Cor 6:19)

### **C. Illegal drug use in the United States**

- ❖ The social workers call substance abuse an addiction, but God calls it SIN.
- “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service” (Rom 12:1).
- “<sup>19</sup> What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? <sup>20</sup> For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's (1 Cor 6:19-20).
- Christians stay away from drugs, alcohol and cigarettes. Don't throw away your health. One day you will want good health.
- **Your body belongs to God.**
  - Are you honoring God with your body?
  - Is God please pleased with what enters your body?

### **V. MIND YOUR FEET (CONDUCT)**

**A. Control your temper**

**B. Honesty is the only policy** (clerk give you too much change)

**C. Do not follow the crowd** - “Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil” (Exod 23:2)

### **VI. MIND YOUR HEART (DESIRES AND MOTIVES)**

**A. Mental sins.** Envy, jealousy, pride, hatred.

**B. Partiality** (James 2:1- 8)

Looking down on others/showing favoritism.

**C. Have a forgiving heart** (Matt 18:21-22)

1. Do not hold grudges nor retaliate (Rom 12:17, 21)

2. Forgive as many times as needed (Eph 4:32; Col 3:12-13)

3. Do not keep track of another person's sin against you.

### **CONCLUSION**

#### **A. You Tell What You Are**

**B.** “<sup>5</sup> Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. <sup>6</sup> In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths” (Prov 3:5- 6).

**C.** “Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God” (1 Cor 10:31).

**D. Romans Road: (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)**

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**“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).**