

**TAKING THE LIMITS OFF GOD IN YOUR LIFE:  
THE POWER OF YOUR THOUGHTS & FAITH  
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**Ps 78:40,41**

40 How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, *and* grieve him in the desert!

41 Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

**Limited:** to set a mark or boundary, border, to confine within certain bounds, restrict; to grieve.

**Our lives will move in the direction of our thoughts.**

**The decisions you make are based upon the thoughts you think.**

If our thinking is wrong then our believing will be wrong. If our believing is wrong then our confessing will be wrong. If our confessing is wrong then we will live a defeated life.

**"Change your thoughts and you change your world." Norman Vincent Peale**

**Prov 23:7** For as he (*a man*) thinketh in his heart, so is he...

Must guard what enters the mind. Must lead our thoughts or our thoughts will lead us.

Make up your mind you will not worry, because worry is sin.

**Rom 14:23** ...for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

**Pro 16:3** Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

**Pro 16:3 AMP** Roll your works upon the Lord [commit and trust them wholly to Him; He will cause your thoughts to become agreeable to His will, and] so shall your plans be established and succeed.

Your abundant living depends on your obedience to the Word.

Worrying doesn't give life. Worry magnifies the problem. It makes it appear larger than it really is. It is like a shadow that is cast. When you stand with your back to the sun it casts a long shadow. You're not really that tall, it is just your shadow. Satan does the same thing with situations and circumstances; he makes them appear larger than they really are.

Worry is fear \_\_\_\_\_ over faith.

**2 Tim 1:7** For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

**AMP** For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control.

Worry is also \_\_\_\_\_ of our God-given imagination.

As you are meditating you are using your imagination.

Improper use of our imagination is when we imagine thoughts that are contrary to God's Word. You begin to see things with the eye of faith.

**Josh 1:8** This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shall **meditate** therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shall make thy way prosperous, and then thou shall have good success.

**WHAT WILL MEDITATING IN THE WORD DO FOR ME?**

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**Rom 12:1-2**

1 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.

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye **transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

You can't afford to \_\_\_\_\_ apart from God's Word. You have the ability and the authority to cast down worry and to resist anxious thoughts.

You must take \_\_\_\_\_ in your thought life.

Don't be \_\_\_\_\_ in your thought life, be \_\_\_\_\_.

**What to think on:****Phil 4:6-9**

6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

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.

9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, **do**: and the God of peace shall be with you.

**\*FAITH\***

**Heb 11:1** Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

**WHAT IS FAITH?** Faith is an unswerving belief in the absolute integrity & character of God displayed by the leaning of the entire personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His Word, His power, His wisdom, and His goodness.

Faith is not an action. Faith is simply believing that God is true & then acting like it.

**Heb 11:1 (AMP)** NOW FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].

**Heb 4:2**

2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

**(AMP)** ...the message they heard did not benefit them, because it was not mixed with faith (with the leaning of the entire personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness)...

**Rom 4:17-21 AMP**

17 As it is written, I have made you the father of many nations. [*He was appointed our father*] in the sight of God in Whom he believed, Who gives life to the dead and speaks of the nonexistent things that [*He has foretold and promised*] as if they [*already*] existed. [*Gen. 17:5.*]

