



Lewiston Church of Christ

June 14, 2020



Weekly Services

Sunday Morning

Bible Study 9:45 AM

Worship 10:45 AM

Sun. Day/Evening Groups

Wed Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Grounds – Cody & Doyle Dawes

Music Ministry – Ron Roberson

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“What Do You Think?”

“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.” (Philippians 4:8, NIV)

When Jesus told a parable about a man who left ninety-nine sheep to search for one lost sheep, he began by asking, **“What do you think?”** (Matthew 18:12). When Jesus told a story of two sons, one fake and one true, he began with, **“What do you think?”** (Matthew 21:28). When Jesus preached his parable of the Good Samaritan, He used the words **“think”** and **“do”** to drive the point home. (Luke 10:36). Jesus was a huge fan of clear thinking.

By contrast, today’s quickie culture does not want you to think clearly. It fills our airspace with cheap slogans, snarky tweets, misleading headlines, and heavily edited soundbites. Pop culture manipulators know that once you begin to think, their advertising gimmicks won’t work, their candidates would have to stop demonizing each other and discuss policies, and internet clickbait would lose its power.

The passage penned by Paul at the top of this page is a clarion call to think morally. You see, thinking is no virtue when it focuses on things that are evil, hateful, smutty, and cheap. Don’t go there. And if your thinking excludes thanking, then your thinking is stinking.

This principle of focusing on the good did not make Paul naïve. In his letter to the church at Rome, he described godless and wicked people as those who “suppress the truth” (Romans 1:19). He added, “their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.” (vs. 21). Paul specifically cited such sins as idolatry, sexual impurity, greed, envy, murder, strife, deceit, homosexuality, malice, gossip, slander, insolence, and arrogance, and he basically attributed all this to stinking thinking. He explained, “they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind” (vs. 28).

So, what **DO** you think? Keep in mind; it’s Jesus and Paul who are asking!

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