

Serving Jesus is begun in our minds. It is our minds, that we must bring under the control of God's Holy Spirit and in line with His Word and His will. This is were most, if not all Christians, fight their biggest battles. Being "on-fire for Jesus", begins in our thought life. <u>THIS TAKES DEDICATION!</u>

Proverbs 23:7a For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: ...

Luke 6:45 <u>A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is</u> <u>good;</u> and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

We are instructed from God's Word, to think and to be like Jesus. If we are self-willed and rebellious, this will be a huge battle for us. In order to have the mind of Jesus we <u>must</u> daily, <u>beginning when we awake</u>, seek God in prayer and Bible study. A Christian that does not seek the mind of Jesus <u>early and daily</u>, is a Christian that is bound to fail in almost anything that he or she endeavors to do.

Philippians 2:2-15 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. (3) Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. (4) Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. (5) Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: (6) Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: (7) But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: (8) And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. (9) Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: (10) That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; (11) And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (12) Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. (13) For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. (14) Do all things without murmurings and disputings: (15) That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ve shine as lights in the world:

 Again, a Christian will absolutely fail at anything that they are seeking to accomplish, if they are not led by the <u>Holy Spirit</u> and if they do not have a <u>made up mind</u>.

John 15:5 I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Hebrews 12:1-3 KJV Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, (2) Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. (3) For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

We are to follow the example of Jesus, who knew what He was to do and did not quit on His Father. <u>Most, People who quit</u> on a Spirit led work, do so <u>just before they are about to have a break</u> <u>through</u>. <u>They do this because they grow weary in their minds or hearts.</u>

Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. 2 Thessalonians 3:13 But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.

It is not about us at all — But it is all about Jesus!