

Convoy of Hope Co-Founder: Influence Your Culture With Christlike Compassion

As a child of God, Dave Donaldson firmly believes it is God's mandate for him to influence the culture around him—from neighborhoods to nations. It's the same for all of God's children, including you.

As co-founder of Convoy of Hope and CityServe International, Donaldson says we must meet the needs of our communities—and our world—with the compassion that will influence and convince the lost that Jesus is their only answer.

It's the main theme of *The Influencers Podcast*, Donaldson's new show on the Charisma Podcast Network.

"Cover to cover, the Bible challenges us to be influencers," Donaldson told Dr. Steve Greene on a recent episode of *Greenelines* on the Charisma Podcast Network. "And I believe that, since we are made in God's image, His stamp upon our soul and our spirit is to influence culture.

"That means we must take a stand for our moral biblical values where that might take us. It means we need to show the compassion and kindness of Christ from our neighborhoods to our nations. Pure undefiled religion is to care for the widows and orphans.

"We're going to deal with a lot of issues including breaking the bondage of drug addiction, eradicating fatherlessness in our nation and raising up pastors who are taking their rightful, responsible place of influence in their communities. Everyone I meet practically wants to make a difference, to make their life count. They don't want to just drift through life. They want to influence people for the good."

For more of how you can become an influencer for your community and the nations, listen to this podcast.

Ex-Marine Supernaturally Healed of PTSD Now Helps Others Find Freedom

As a former U.S. Marine who served in Afghanistan and Iraq, Jared Laskey is well acquainted with the horrors of war and the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder. But he also knows firsthand the miraculous and incredible power of Holy Spirit and how God can radically heal the broken for His purposes.

An author and staff writer for GODTV, Laskey himself has experienced God's healing power after suffering a traumatic brain injury from negligent discharge from a shotgun blast next to his head in Afghanistan. He was also diagnosed with PTSD, which led to a rough transition when he came back home in 2009.

"I was angry with these crazy outbursts and then depression," Laskey told Dr. Steve Greene on a recent edition of *Greenelines* on the Charisma Podcast Network. "It was horrible thoughts, night terrors, weird things. For a while I couldn't sleep in my own bed; I had to sleep on the floor. I realized I was no longer me.

"But realize that, because of Jesus, by His stripes, we are

healed. Like with me, He fixes things all for His glory. Like with me, God can still heal us and use us to bring healing to other people everywhere we go.

“If you are experiencing adversity, no matter what you are going through, put your eyes on Jesus and partner and fellowship with the Holy Spirit, and He will lift you up out of the miry clay. All things are possible in Jesus and, no matter where you’ve been, no matter what you’ve done, He can use you for His glory. Holy Spirit is still speaking to people on the front lines.”

For more of Laskey’s phenomenal story, listen to this podcast.
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Prophetic Word for 2020: Your Prodigals Will Come Home

I have heard the Lord say 2020 is the year that prodigals will be coming home! Those for whom you have been earnestly praying will return home this year and to the faith of their childhood.

It is of vital importance that you continue to pray, to press in, to believe and to declare the Word of God over the prodigals in your life. Now is not the time to throw in the towel or to give in to defeatist thinking but it is the year to increase time on your knees as you are fighting in the final skirmish of this prolonged battle.

I have always asked the Father for a specific Scripture to pray over those loved ones in my life whose heart has turned away from the Lord. One of the passages in the Bible that I pray often over my prodigals is this one:

“I do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe” (Eph. 1:16-19a, NASB).

As I was lingering over those words on January 1, and praying specifically for those that I love, a portion of this Scripture suddenly jumped off of the page of my well-worn Bible. “I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened,” were the words that became vibrantly alive to me in that moment on the very first day of 2020.

I began to pray for 2020 spiritual vision in the year 2020. I heard the confirmation of the Holy Spirit as we fought together.

–I believe that this is the year that the great physician will heal the spiritual eyes of those who have been blinded by culture, by sin and by humanism.

–I believe 2020 is the time when blinders will be removed and that clear vision will be restored.

–I believe those who have grown short-sighted will be short-sighted no longer, but they will see as the Father sees in 2020.

–I believe those whose eyes have wandered from the truth of Scripture will regain spiritual focus and will relearn how to

read the Word with the eyes of faith in the year 2020.

God is healing the spiritual vision of those for whom you have been praying! Never doubt it! 2020 is the year when blind spiritual eyes will be opened in dramatic and miraculous ways!

I would love to pray for your prodigals. You can email me at carol@carolmcleodministries with the names of your loved ones. I would love to join my heart with yours in praying that 2020 is the year your prodigal will come home. I am standing in faith with you today that this is the year the eyes of their hearts will be enlightened. {eoa}

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Why This Pastor Chose to Forgive His Wife's White

Supremacist Killer

On June 17, 2015, the Rev. Anthony Thompson received a phone call no one ever wants. There had been a shooting at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina, during a Bible study. When he arrived, he learned his wife was not among the survivors.

The shooting was racially motivated, as it was later discovered that the killer, Dylann Storm Roof, was a white supremacist.

Of course, Thompson fully grieved his wife's death. But instead of becoming bitter and full of hatred himself toward Roof, Thompson chose to cling to God's Word and to forgive him both privately and publicly. His new book, *Called to Forgive*, casts a compelling vision of the power of forgiveness that can transform lives and inspire others to choose radical forgiveness, no matter what the circumstance.

"Forgiveness, even for the Christian, is extremely difficult and painful," Thompson told Dr. Steve Greene on a recent episode of *Greenelines* on the Charisma Podcast Network. "You have to trust God to walk with you and guide you through something so horrific.

"What you have to do is trust the Lord, first of all, to forgive you for holding a grudge and for wanting to take revenge, to forgive you for whatever is stealing your peace. God indeed will forgive you. And then, when you ask God for forgiveness and you are forgiven, ask God to help you forgive the person that you cannot forgive.

"It's going to take God to intervene to make that happen. We cannot do it on our own. I didn't do this on my own. God intervened. He told me what to do. What you need to do is what Jesus told the lawyer to do, the one who asked how he could get to heaven. Jesus told him to love Me with all your heart,

mind and soul, loving everybody as you love yourself.

“That’s the problem. We don’t know who our neighbors are because we hate our neighbors. We hate black. We hate white. We hate this, we hate that. You must go to your neighbor, whoever it is, and talk to them. Let them tell you who they are. Then you’ll see the true person, and then maybe we can stop the hate.

For the rest of the Rev. Thompson’s incredible story of forgiveness, listen to this podcast.

Prophecy: Stand Your Ground and Prepare Your Weapons Against the Enemy

As we are in a new decade and prophetic time of reset, the Lord is giving His people new strategies and new sets of rules of engagement to gain the upper hand over the enemy. Therefore, when we end one year strong, it is equally important to start a new one even stronger.

This is a time to watch as well as pray.

As there are those who have committed to fasting in a time of intense prayer, consecration and solidarity before the Lord, the enemy will take advantage of the opportune time of vulnerability to tempt, distract and seduce God’s people into break their commitment, resolution, new goals and objectives. Counteract with Holy Spirit boldness and take a stance of

resilience, perseverance and unwavering determination.

I was in prayer for the first seven days in the New Year, and I felt an unexpected attack on my health, finances, emotions and even my mental faculties. I couldn't shake it, and suddenly I heard the voice of the Lord break through saying "Hakeem, what you are now experiencing is a barrage of unseen warfare surrounding you in the spiritual realm."

God was giving me prophetic intelligence of the enemy plot and plan against my life. Suddenly, God took my mind to the Scripture story of the King Jehoshaphat who was surrounded by the Moabites, Ammonites and Meunites who waged war against him (2 Chron. 20:1-2).

There was formed against him an enormous army planning to invade the land, and Jehoshaphat didn't know what to do as a king. There are many of you who feel like you don't know what to do next, but God showed me that Jehoshaphat inquired of Him for wisdom while proclaiming a corporate fast throughout Judah (2 Chron. 20:3).

In this new season and decade, God wants to give His people strategies to overcome these invisible, unusual battles. This battlefield that you are in can be in your mind, will and emotions, and can be physical, financial or other things. Find a prayer partner or someone who will stand with you to fight on each other's behalf.

The first key to breakthrough is to seek the Lord and fast (abstaining from food) for a specific or extended period of time. If you are feeling distressed, oppressed, lonely, stressed or overwhelmed by life, cry out to the Lord; He will answer you in time of need.

Moreover, Jehoshaphat was afraid and need the intervention from God. Even though he was afraid of the vast army against him, he kept his eyes on the Lord (2 Chron. 20:7-12). As all the people of Judah, Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat prayed and

fasted before the Lord for His answer, the prophetic Spirit of the Lord sent the warfare strategy and answer through a prophet:

2 Chronicles 20:14-17 says:

The Spirit of the Lord came on Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite from the line of Asaph.

And he said, "Pay attention all Judah, and those dwelling in Jerusalem, and King Jehoshaphat: Thus says the Lord to you, 'Do not fear, nor be dismayed because of this great army, for the battle is not yours, but God's. Tomorrow, go down against them. They will travel up by the Ascent of Ziz. You will find them at the back of the valley, before the Wilderness of Jeruel. It will not be necessary for you to fight in this conflict. Take your positions, stand, and observe the deliverance of the Lord for you, O Judah and Jerusalem.' Do not fear or be filled with terror. Tomorrow, go out before them, and the Lord will be with you."

Clearly, we see that they were to go out to face their adversaries, but they would not have to lift a finger in this battle. They were instructed to not be afraid, discouraged or dismayed. God would take care of it.

Oftentimes, it's the intentions of the enemy to have God's people hiding in the shadows or waving the white flag of surrender to the press that comes. Do not retreat, draw back or revert to what is comfortable.

Be bold, courageous, fearless and relentless! I come to encourage you that there is more with you than against you. Furthermore, as the people obeyed the directives of the Lord through God's prophetic voice on the next day, they marched together against that great army. They took up their positions and stood their ground. Don't allow the enemy to cause you to

lose your footing.

Stand in the authority and power of the Holy Spirit that was given to you. The remarkable thing is that, while in fear, they still obeyed God, which mustered up enough strength and boldness for them to confront pending seen and unseen dangers. The Lord said something powerful to them that we often miss.

The New Living Translation says it like this in (verse 17a): "But you will not even need to fight. Take your positions; then stand still and watch the Lord's victory. He is with you, O people of Judah and Jerusalem."

God says watch His victory! There is no match against our God. No military arsenal or demonic barrage is a threat against our Father and commander and chief of the angel armies. God is saying prophetically in this season that you may feel boxed in or cornered by the enemy, but watch Him fight your battles. The battle that you are currently fighting is not yours; it's God's. There are unnecessary burden and battles we find ourselves in. Give them to the Lord.

Prayer, fasting and obedience are essential keys to seeing your breakthrough. The Lord says today's battles will become tomorrow's victories! King Jehoshaphat led the people into corporate prayer, solidarity and into a time of seeking the Lord's counsel. They had to believe God so they would be established while also believing His prophets so they would succeed or prosper. This is the time to believe and obey the prophetic words God sends to you.

I love what the apostle Paul' said to his spiritual son in 1 Timothy 1:18 (NLT): "Timothy, my son, here are my instructions for you, based on the prophetic words spoken about you earlier. May they help you fight well in the Lord's battles."

The second key is that our prophecy becomes a lethal spiritual weapon against the enemy that will help you win the battle. If you don't have a true dream, vision, prophetic word or burden

from the Lord, then you may have to double check if it's from Him.

Your personal prophecy, dream and great vision will often initiate spiritual warfare. The enemy doesn't want you to fulfill your personal prophecy, dream and vision.

Finally, King Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the Lord and to praise Him for the splendor of His holiness as they went out at the head of the army, and suddenly the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir, who were invading Judah, and they were defeated. The third key was that their praise became a weapon that caused the enemy to be confused and to turn on themselves. The people didn't have to lift a finger, only lift up their voices together in praise with a song.

God invaded those who tried to invade His people. The power of our praise will create perpetual breakthroughs. Don't break down!

Break through with a praise break that will send your enemies running in confusion. The Lord sent a "sneak attack" that causes them to think that each other were their enemy. Your praise will confuse the enemy every time. Your praise becomes like stealth bombers, undetectable by radar, that will bring sudden confusion and defeat to the enemy camp.

God says you don't lift have to lift a finger in this season of warfare; just lift your voice in praise and watch the salvation of the Lord bring you flawless victories, breakthrough and deliverance. {eoa}

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Hobby Lobby President: How You Can Know for Sure the Bible Is True

Hobby Lobby President and Museum of the Bible Founder Steve Green wants to clear one thing up once and for all. The Bible, perhaps the least-understood book of all time, he says, is indeed real and is indeed true.

On a recent episode of *Greenelines* on the Charisma Podcast Network, he told Dr. Steve Greene that the Bible not only has impacted the lives of people throughout history, but it also applies to the future of mankind, individually and corporately. There is little doubt, Green says, about the Bible's authenticity, and every story and prophecy lead to one thing.

"There are a lot of people today who think the Bible is for another time, season or century," Green said. "A lot of people do not believe the Bible is relevant for us today. What's incredible for us to understand is that we're in the middle of its story. If indeed it is true, which it is, it is also talking about our future. It is one single, unified story."

“Yet there are those who will try to minimize the fact that it is one story. In my book, *This Beautiful Book*, I take five main characters of the Bible—Abraham, Moses, King David, the prophet Isaiah and Jesus—and use those characters to tell the story of us. The first three were given a promise, and Isaiah has a prophecy. And they all point to Jesus.

“Abraham was promised that, through his descendants, all the nations of the world would be blessed. Moses was told another prophet like him was going to come. Through David, it was promised that someone would be on the throne forever. Isaiah, in Isaiah 53, clearly points to Jesus and what he did on the cross. So the Bible points to one event, and that is what Christ did on the cross because of man’s sin. Our relationship was lost, and Jesus had to come and pay the price so that relationship could be restored.

“So, when we don’t know the overriding story, some of the parts and pieces of the Bible can be confusing. But when we understand the overall story, it helps to put the pieces into places, even in the more challenging parts of the Bible.”

For more of the interview with Steve Green, listen to this podcast.

Prophecy for 2020s: A Decade to Believe the (True) Prophets

We’re in the midst of a prophetic reset. The second wave of the prophetic is upon us.

The wheat and the tares will continue to grow up together, and discernment is vital in this hour.

There aren't many Scriptures that contain 2020—and one in particular got my attention as it relates to the prophetic reset.

Second Chronicles 20:20 says, "Believe in the Lord your God, and you will be supported. Believe His prophets, and you will succeed."

We should always believe true prophets and act on the word of the Lord that comes out of their mouths. But with the rise of false prophets it will be even more important to judge words and follow what the true prophets are saying to the church—and to you.

We want to believe the true prophets and spit out any false prophetic utterance that hits our ears before it sinks into our soul.

Again, 2 Chronicles 20:20 says, "Believe in the Lord your God, and you will be supported. Believe His prophets, and you will succeed."

Notice how it says to have faith in the Lord and faith in His prophets. Not the false prophets. His prophets. The true prophets. And, again, this means discerning God's voice through prophets so we don't end up hoodwinked. {eoa}

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The Prophetic Connection Between Jesus and the Torah

As we read the Bible, we often find cases where events happen that are very similar. When looked at, these events often have deeper, more prophetic meanings placed into the text by G-D to draw our attention to the event.

These prophetic types and shadows help us to understand a concept or prepare us for a future event that takes place either within the pages of Scripture or that will take place in our future. One example is when we compare the sacrifice of Isaac with the sacrifice of Yeshua (Jesus):

- Both were offered by their fathers.
- Both carried the wood for the sacrifice.
- Both were accompanied to their sacrifice by two men.

It is clear by these similarities there is a prophetic connection between these two events that was provided so that when the children of Abraham, the Jewish nation of Israel, saw the crucifixion, they would recognize the symbolic connection between the two and understand that the former took place so that we would better understand the latter.

In Genesis 50:25-26, we find another example of one of these prophetic events. The verses take place just before Joseph's death. In the text, Joseph asks his brothers to promise him that when they leave Egypt, they will bring his bones back to the Promised Land with them.

“Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, “God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here.’ So Joseph died at the age of one hundred and ten years old,

and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.”

This event is very similar to when Jacob asked Joseph to promise to take his bones back to the land of Israel, which Joseph speaks of in Genesis 50:5-7:

“‘My father made me swear, saying, “I am about to die. Bury me in my tomb which I dug for myself in the land of Canaan.” Now therefore please let me go up and bury my father, and then I will return.’ Pharaoh said, ‘Go up and bury your father, as he made you swear to do.’ Joseph went up to bury his father, and all the servants of Pharaoh went up with him too, the elders of his household and all the elders of the land of Egypt.”

While the requests of Jacob and Joseph to be buried in Israel are similar, there is one huge difference between the two. Jacob asks to be taken back and buried immediately while Joseph asks to be taken back when, as the Scripture says in Genesis 50:24:

“... God will surely come to you and bring you out of this land to the land of which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

The reason for Joseph asking to be brought back with Israel’s redemption instead of immediately is profound. To understand the prophetic significance, let’s look back at a word in Genesis 50:26.

The word translated “coffin” in English is the Hebrew word ארון *Aron*, which is the exact same word translated as ark when referring to the Ark of the Covenant. The Ark of the Covenant is also referred to as the Ark of Testimony.

To further understand Joseph’s request, let’s turn the page in our Bibles to Exodus 1:6-7:

“Joseph died, as did all his brothers, and all that generation. Nevertheless, the sons of Israel were fruitful,

and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and became exceedingly mighty, so that the land was filled with them.”

Notice from the text what happened after Joseph died. A king arose who did not know Joseph. This is only one generation after Joseph's and yet, the new king came to power and he did not know or remember who Joseph was and what Joseph did.

So G-D led Joseph to set an “ark” before the people of Israel, an “ark” that would remind them of what G-D had done in the past and what G-D has promised in their future. When Israel left Egypt, Moses brought that ark holding Joseph's bones with them.

In Exodus 13:19, we read: “Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for he had made the children of Israel solemnly swear, saying, ‘God will surely attend to you, and you shall carry my bones away from here with you.’”

This ark (Joseph's) was carried by Israel, reminding them of G-D's promises. Then, by G-D's command, Israel made a new Ark of Testimony which held the Tablets.

Once again, G-D provided an Ark that would be looked upon by Israel to remind them of their past blessings and their future promises. This Ark would be the focus of Israel until the coming of Yeshua, “The Torah Made Flesh” that would be placed in the “Ark” of our hearts by G-D Himself. This Ark would also be a reminder of our past blessings and our future promises.

Beginning with Joseph, we know and see these types, shadows, and fulfillments extending to the Ark of the Covenant and completing with the Ark of our hearts. We see the prophetic reason for Joseph choosing to remain in Egypt until the redemption as Yeshua remains in the Ark of our hearts until our full redemption from this world takes place.

It is also vital to remember that because the Torah was placed in the Ark of the Covenant, it didn't mean Joseph's ark was

cast aside and left behind. Likewise, because Yeshua is now in the Ark of our hearts, it also doesn't mean the Torah has been cast aside. Paul states this plainly in Romans 3:31:

“Do we then make the law void through faith? God forbid! Instead, we establish the law.” {eoa}

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Jonathan Cahn's Urgent Prayer for America: 'Lord, Have Your Way, Whatever It Takes'

Rabbi Jonathan Cahn says he feels burdened for America in this volatile and crucial time for the country, and that he is “very much on the verge” of issuing a call for national prayer, repentance and return to God.

The *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Harbinger*, *The Oracle* and *The Paradigm*, Cahn says he believes we could see the beginning of a great revival in 2020, but that God's people must humble themselves, pray, seek God's face and turn from their wicked ways for revival to come about.

Cahn prayed this prophetic prayer on a recent episode of *Greenelines* on the Charisma Podcast Network: “Lord, we pray

for the church, that You would help us to truly walk and live in revival and in Your Spirit, in the fullness of the fire of Your will in our lives.

“Each of us, whatever we need to do, whatever change has to take place, we are open to it, Lord, and we will take the steps toward repentance to removing what should not be in our lives. We pray that we will take up the calling you have given us; not tomorrow, but now. Father, we want to be in the center of Your will this year, starting now, and we commit that to You.

“And Lord, we pray for America, for the youth of America. We pray, let there be revival, Father. We pray for the coastlines. We pray for the cities in New York, New Jersey, California—all the cities. We pray for the capital of Washington, for revival in Congress, for revival in the White House. Father, let there be a mighty stirring of Your people in America to wake up and to come to the center of Your will, that we would be the light You called us to be.

“We pray for all people, those who don’t know You and even those who oppose You, that they would be touched by You and come to know You. Have Your will, whatever it takes. Have Your way and let revival come. Let Your Spirit flow. Father, let Your will be done on earth, in America, across the world as it is in heaven and do great and mighty things in the name above all names, the name of Yeshua, Jesus, the Messiah. Amen.”

For more of Jonathan Cahn’s thoughts about the immediate future of America, listen to this podcast.

How to Understand God's Language

Can we understand God and His ways? Some say we can't. Others say yes.

Is there an explanation for how a black cow can eat green grass and produce white milk? No.

Every day, we do thousands of things we don't understand. The first thing to know is that God's thoughts are higher than our thoughts.

So can we understand God? No. Not fully.

But who wants to serve a God that can be understood?

God says: "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there but water the earth and make it bring forth and bud that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:8-11).

God does not think like us. His thoughts are not our thoughts, and His ways are not our ways.

Let's catch this. God's thoughts are coming out as words and coming down like rain. Notice from the passage that rain and snow come down from heaven. The rain and snow both water the earth, make vegetation and produce food for our bodies.

Notice the metaphor from the words—"so is My word." What is God saying?

Do we know the thoughts that God has toward you?

"For I know the plans that I have for you, says the Lord, plans for peace and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope" (Jer. 29:11).

This is just one verse of how God thinks about us. God has plans for us. His plans include peace, hope, and a great future.

To understand His word, we must grasp and understand His thoughts. And we can.

"But as it is written, 'Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.' But God has revealed them to us by His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God" (1 Cor. 2:9-10).

God Reveals Himself

Eyes cannot see it and ears cannot hear it, but His Spirit will reveal it. That means we can understand His ways and learn His language, by the Spirit.

This will require a renewed mind.

Take note, your mind is not your brain. The mind is the faculty of knowing, understanding, how you reason and how you think. The brain is the organ that holds your thoughts. And your thoughts are under your control.

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Rom. 12:2).

Notice that a transformed life results from a renewed mind.

Renewed: a renovated mind. God can renovate our lives as we renew our minds.

God does not renew our minds. We do.

The devil does not control our minds. We do.

God does not control our minds. We do.

We will either master our thoughts or our thoughts will master us.

We Are What We Think

We are the sum total of our best and worst thoughts. Thoughts are more powerful than we realize. Thoughts drive cars, direct robots, operate drones, turn off lights.

Thoughts have anatomy and structure. They affect our soul, our body and our spirit.

The battleground is in our minds. Negative thoughts create a negative life! We must make our mind think what we need it to think!

Our thoughts have the power to empower us or cripple us.

Right Thinking

“Finally, brothers, whatever things are true, whatever things are honest, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue, and if there is any praise, think on these things” (Phil. 4:8).

Think on these things.

I think we can understand that. {eoa}

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