

Thinking Like God Thinks

I. God is creative and happy with His work and creation (Genesis 1:1-13). “And God saw that it was good” (Genesis 1:9, 12, 18, 20-25).

- A. Having been made in God’s own image and born again through the blood of Jesus, God gives us the same joy of creating, ruling, and declaring that God and His creation are good (Genesis 1:26-31). After God made humans, notice verse 31, “It was very good.”
- B. The beauty of problem solving and working with God is that it is meant to make us happy. God is your source and resource for all of life.
 - 1. That’s why “Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4).
 - 2. To understand the heart and mind of God, read your Bible; listen to the Holy Spirit; and connect with other believers who can also hear God’s voice.
 - 3. The Holy Spirit brings an overwhelming awareness of God’s love for us (Ephesians 3:14-21); from this place, like Jesus, we can hear God’s voice to solve even the most difficult of problems (John 5:19-20); and “whether you turn to the right or left, your ears will hear a voice behind you saying, ‘This is the way; walk in it’” (Isaiah 30:21).
- C. You can petition God in a way that stimulates joy, relationship, and confidence toward God for every problem (Philippians 4:4-7). How the Father loves to give good gifts to His children when they ask (Matthew 7:7-11)!
- D. Because of Jesus, you can be a child of God, born of the Spirit, expecting to do the works that He did, asking for anything in His Name (John 14:12-14).

II. God gives seed time and harvest to teach us to sow toward breakthrough and the inheritance of His promises every day of our lives (Luke 6:37-38).

- A. Ask God what He wants you to sow as part of the answer toward your problems. One of the most dramatic seeds you can sow towards blessing is forgiveness (Luke 6:37).
- B. Sowing costly seeds move us toward God, hope, and abundance (Luke 6:38; II Cor.9:6-11).
- C. Some seeds you sow may not look like they are connected to breakthrough in your life.
 - 1. The weakness of the cross (John 12:23-32)
 - 2. God’s chosen fast (Isaiah 58:5-12)
 - 3. Take care of God’s temple and change the economy—even the weather (Haggai 1:2-11; 2:15-19; Malachi 3:8-12).
 - 4. The widow and Elijah (I Kings 17:7-24)
 - 5. The woman who anointed Jesus with oil (Luke 7:44-50)

III. As a believer you can live expectantly every day of your life.

- A. You can stop worrying (Matthew 6:31-34).
- B. You can expect God protection (Isaiah 54:17).
- C. You can expect God’s wisdom (James 1:5-8).
- D. You can expect God’s provision and His peace (John 10:10; Eccl. 5:18-20).
- E. You can expect MIRACLES every day of your life!

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