

WAYS TO GET A RAISE

WAY #5 - "YOUR THOUGHTS"

Philippians 4:8 - 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.

CHEW	to bite and grind or crush with the teeth
CONCEIVE	to form or develop in the mind
CONSIDER	to think about in order to understand; examine; look at carefully
EAT	to put food in the mouth, chew, and swallow
MIND	memory; the thinking or perceiving part of consciousness
PUT	place, set; cause to be in a position or place
SWALLOW	to take in; absorb; engulf
THOUGHT	the act/process of thinking; reflection; meditation; power of reasoning/ conceiving idea(s)
THINK	to conceive, form, or have in the mind

THE 'POWER' OF THOUGHT.....

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

THE 'BATTLE' FOR THOUGHT.....

Romans 7:23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

THE 'COMPUTER' OF THOUGHT.....

INPUT (PUT)	Receive data (<i>see, hear, taste, smell, touch, perceive, discern</i>)
PROCESS (CHEW)	Analyze input (<i>accurate, complete, up-to-date, relevant</i>) Process input (<i>based on knowledge, environment, culture, experience, priorities, desires</i>)
OUTPUT (SWALLOW)	Dispatch instructions (<i>lift/lower, go/stop, attack/defend, advance/retreat</i>)

THE 'ENEMIES' TO THOUGHT.....

- **MISSING DATA** (*due to lack/neglect of study, learning, investigation, diligence, experience*)
- **CORRUPTED DATA** (*due to lack/neglect of data 'filtering'; i.e. media, books, false 'teachers', etc.*)
- **OLD DATA** (*due to tradition, ceremony, applying past solutions to present problems*)
- **SYSTEM 'PROBLEMS'** (*design flaws: i.e. experiences, prejudices, fears, desires, priorities*)
- **PROGRAM 'BUGS'** (*programming not able to handle complex 'data'*)
- **NO OUTPUT** (*processed data not 'displayed', due to indifference, refusal, denial, laziness*)
- **FEEDBACK PROBLEMS** (*due to misinterpretation or lack of response data*)

SECRETS TO VICTORIOUS THOUGHT

BE AN 'EARLY BIRD'	<i>Genesis 22:3, 28:18, Exodus 34:4, Joshua 6:15, Judges 7:1, 1Samuel 1:19, 1Samuel 17:20, 2Chronicles 20:20, Job 1:5, Psalms 63:1, Proverbs 8:17, Isaiah 26:9, Matthew 6:31-33</i>
BE THANKFUL	<i>1Chronicles 16:8, Psalms 18:49, 30:4, 92:1, 119:62, 136:1, 140:13, 1Thessalonians 5:18</i>
SOW GOOD SEED	<i>Job 4:8, Proverbs 22:8, Hosea 8:7, Galatians 6:7-8</i>

SELECTED PASSAGES

My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord. (Isaiah 55:8)

I know the things that come into your mind, every one of them. (Ezek.11:5)

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. (Romans 12:3)

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. (Philippians 2:5-8)

Gird up the loins of your mind (1 Pet. 1:13)

EXCERPTS FROM 'THE MIRACLE OF MIND DYNAMICS' (by Joseph Murphy, PhD)

- The law of LIFE is the law of BELIEF, and as we SOW, so shall we REAP
- Shallow men believe in luck; wise and strong men believe in CAUSE and EFFECT
- YOUR thought is CAUSE, and the manifestation is its EFFECT
- YOU are the master of your thoughts, emotions, and reactions to life. YOU are the maker and shaper of your conditions, experiences, and events
- Opportunities are all around you. Learn to take advantage of them. Be ALERT and ALIVE
- In EVERY adversity there is the seed of opportunity
- Every END is a BEGINNING...
- You CANNOT experience LOSS unless you accept the loss in your mind
- The power is in YOU, and not in others. The suggestions of others have no power over you. Your own thought is primary power, and you can reject all negative suggestions of others
- The past is DEAD. It has no power over you. The ONLY power is your present thought
- What we FEAR we ATTRACT; what we EXPECT, we EXPERIENCE
- Know that what is true of GOD is true of YOU, and wonders will happen as you pray

SERMON OUTLINES

<WHEN> ITS DINNER TIME (Proverbs 23:7a)

1. YOU **TASTE** WHAT YOU **PLACE** ('as a man thinketh....')
"The power of the 'PLATE' is YOURS....."
2. YOU **CHEW** WHAT IS **YOU** ('so.....')
"The power of the 'CHEW' is YOURS....."
3. YOU **FOLLOW** WHAT YOU **SWALLOW** ('is he.....')
"The power of the 'SWALLOW' is YOURS....."

THE MESSAGE OF THE MIRROR (Philippians 4:8)

1. IT'S **ON** YOU (the 'chains'.....)
2. IT'S **AROUND** YOU (the 'prison'.....)
3. IT'S **IN** YOU (the **HOLY SPIRIT**....)
4. IT'S **UP TO** YOU (.....think on these things)
 - a. **CHECK YOUR INPUT**

TRUE	GK-alathes - not concealing, full disclosure
HONEST	GK-semnos - honorable, venerable
JUST	GK-dikaios - equitable; equal weight
PURE	GK-hagnos - clean
LOVELY	GK-prosphiles - friendly towards
GOOD REPORT	GK- euphemos - well spoken of, reputable
 - b. **UPGRADE YOUR PROCESS**
Phil 4:11 - for I have **learned**, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content
 - c. **DISPLAY YOUR OUTPUT**
Phil 4:9 - 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.

CONSIDER THIS.....

The **QUALITY** of your **INPUT**
will determine the **QUALITY** of your **OUTPUT**