



“Stranded Thinking”

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I. **Romans 12:1-3**

A. The Renewed Mind

1. The Mind That Thinks Like God
2. The Mind of Christ

B. The Equation of Truth

1. Your Thinking Controls Your Believing and Your Believing Controls Your Actions.
2. Notice the scripture did not say, *“Don’t Think Highly of Yourself.”*
 - God warns of not allowing pride to come in.
 - If your mind is renewed and thinking and trusting always in God, then pride will have no place. (Example of John Dowie...Elijah).

C. Satan and the battlefield of the mind

1. This is where people become stranded....their own thoughts keep them from climbing higher with God (whether it be with finances, health, or just happiness in life).
2. The difference in a pessimist and an optimist (Someone might say, “You are always so positive, why is that?” Answer: *“As a follower of Jesus, I already know the outcome, and it is always good!”*) (You are so positive, you probably don’t say anything negative even about the devil!).

II. Love the Lord Your God With...

A. **Matthew 22:36-37**

1. **Proverbs 16:3** *“Commit your works unto the Lord and your thoughts shall be established.”*
2. **Isaiah 55:7-8** *“Let the wicked forsake his ways, and the unrighteous man his thoughts.”*

B. More Needs to Be Said About Reading and Meditating

1. We can never get enough of God!
2. **Meditate – To ponder, to study, to mutter, talk, or roar.**
3. Think on these things...