

To manifest prosperity mentally....We desire to prosper mentally as well as have abundance in every category of life – physically and spiritually: The born-again Christian is a three-part being, having a body, a soul, and a spirit. All three of these parts must be fed and exercised. All of us experience physical, mental, and spiritual hunger. If we do not feed any one of these three, we will starve in that category.

Matthew 4:4:

But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

We enlarge our store of spiritual knowledge and direct our thinking according to that knowledge. The mind of a believer is not affected by the new birth. After a person is born by God's Spirit, he has the same mind he had before. But a believer has two ways to feed his mind: with **natural knowledge and with spiritual knowledge**. The mind is an arena.

Galatians 5:17:

For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

1. Natural knowledge comes from the works and words of man. It is received via the five senses and is, therefore, limited and not necessarily reliable. Natural knowledge is limited to that which can be received by the five senses. On the one side is natural knowledge coming from the five senses, influenced by the god of this world, Satan. While God expects us to know what we can by our five senses, natural knowledge is still sometimes unreliable or incomplete.
2. Spiritual knowledge is received either by means of the spirit or from the revealed Word of God, both of which are perfect and reliable. Spiritual knowledge is unlimited because of God's omniscience. Therefore God will give us His spiritual knowledge which begins where the information that the five senses can supply ceases.

The human mind is the organ of mental perception. It assimilates, stores, and utilizes knowledge. That knowledge may be either natural or spiritual or a combination of the two.

1. If the mind assimilates natural knowledge, the individual's growth will be toward the natural world.
2. To the end his mind assimilates spiritual knowledge; he will grow in the spiritual dimension. For this reason a steady diet of God's Word is essential to a believer.

According to scientists, neurons form a chain in the brain to remember information. As we condition our own minds by our freedom of will through the renewed mind process, we can correct imperfect chains or patterns in the brain. If we do not control our own thinking, the world will control it negatively. Most people are controlled and influenced mentally by the world. We have the freedom of will to control our mental diet. By continually feeding our minds God's Word and practicing the Word in our minds, we become transformed by the renewing of our minds. Our knowledge, thoughts, and habits will be changed, for our minds will have been renewed. As these new thoughts displace the old, a new understanding is formed which in turn purifies the heart and builds additional strength to believe. Believing is the ability to appropriate results. When our ability is based on God's Word, it builds to the point of utilizing our limitless ability. As we confess the positives of God's Word, practice the Word in our minds, and focus our minds on God, He will keep us in perfect peace.

Our minds collect data and, through reasoning processes, make decisions. To change our minds, we must change the thoughts which are fed into our minds. However, we cannot change the whole mind at one time. Since a believer cannot change his entire mind at once, he must work with one thought at a time. The technique in changing or renewing the mind is:

1. Determine what thoughts we entertain or hold; this, in turn, affects the whole mind.
2. As we govern our thoughts and continue to absorb spiritual knowledge, our minds become purer.

When the mind of a believer can receive many great spiritual truths with confidence and excitement and without shock, surprise, or confusion, that believer has **enlarged** his mind in harmony with God's Word. If he can also receive negative information with a strong, positive attitude from the Word and handle it without frustration or defeat, he shows great ability in controlling his thinking.

Once knowledge is taken in by the mind, that knowledge may rest in the mind's upper compartments and stagnate, or it may sink into the heart, the innermost part of the mind. A believer might memorize a scripture verse but never fully comprehend its meaning and value. It has entered his mind but not his heart. To the end that spiritual knowledge enters the heart, the mind becomes enlarged.

Out of the heart, which is the innermost part of the mind, come the real issues of life. Only thoughts come from the top of the mind. The real desires and ambitions of a man come from his heart. No one else knows what is really in another's heart, even though that person speaks his thoughts. We may, at times, say one thing, while having an entirely different intention in our heart.

I Corinthians 4:5:

Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts [innermost part of the mind]: and then shall every man have praise of God.

Mark 11:23:

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Believing emanates from the heart. From the top of the mind come thoughts. Mental assent is not believing. Believing comes from the innermost part of the mind, the heart. I used to wonder why I did not get results when I thought I was believing. Now I understand that if I had been believing I would have achieved those results. I was merely giving mental assent. If I am going to achieve results, I must believe from the heart. Doubt, which leads to negative believing, also emanates from the heart. If we believe, we may hesitate in our minds momentarily. As long as that hesitation does not enter our hearts and become doubt, we are still believing. To enlarge and control our thinking we must not only study the Word, we must allow it to sink into our hearts. One way to hide God and His Word in our hearts is to focus our minds upon Him.

Bishop K.C. Pillai, a Christian who was formerly a high caste Hindu, understood the "stayed mind." He once said, "If your wrong attitudes give you pain, stop thinking about them. Take your mind by your act of will and control it. Say, 'Mind; now you stop thinking that way. Think this way.' Make your mind behave. Early in the morning, the first thing upon waking let your thoughts turn to God. Talk to Him. Praise Him. Thank Him. Speak in tongues. If you make this a habit, it will be such a joyous time that you'll guard your first waking moments before you get out of bed, before anyone knows you are awake. This time will set the whole day for you. Then, the rest of the day – at any moment, while you are driving your car, walking to the store, standing in grocery lines, or doing anything anywhere -turn your mind to God.