

Cornerstone Conversations

I don't know about you, but some nights I can't shut down my mind—it races back through the day, scanning my mental hard drive, opening conversation files, viewing jpegs of people's faces I've encountered, and revisiting deleted messages—some good, some bad. Our minds are like a Pentium processor, a powerful piece of technology. In fact, according to God, how you think is really what makes you, *you*.

One wise king wrote: "As [a person] thinks in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 23:7 NKJV). What you think about is a wide-open window to what you really believe, trust in, worry about, and even worship. And not everybody has programmed their minds to think alike. Some think truth is relative. Which means that for them there are no absolute truths, so whatever works is just fine—nothing is ever always right or always wrong. Others think that there is no real truth and that truth comes in many shapes and colors. That's pluralism—many truths exist, and as long as you don't make me choke on *your* truth, I won't force you to swallow *mine*.

If there is no truth and there are no absolutes, then everybody can do whatever they want to do—welcome to the party with no rules! But you and I know that, ultimately, thoughts managed by relativistic, pluralistic software lead to a zigzagging, crazy, self-seeking, dead-end life where everybody loses, including you.

Thankfully you don't need to settle for software that doesn't deliver what it promised. Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life" (John 14:6). How solid is that? That takes the punch out of both lines of thinking. Here's the deal: What you think about you, God, the world, your spirituality or lack of it, sex, gay marriage, religion, or anything else, really makes you who you are. Jesus simply says, "When you're ready to think like God thinks about all of life, download my Word—I am the way and the truth."

It's time to reboot! Install the truth of God's Word onto the hard drive of your mind. He'll scan the files of your thoughts, motives, and attitudes and make them completely new. As Paul said, "Be transformed by the renewing of your mind!" (Romans 12:2)

And in case you're still not convinced, remember that God has warned us, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death" (Proverbs 16:25). Just because it seems right, doesn't make it right. Check every thought by the truth that Jesus offers, and when in doubt search His Word.

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