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Devotional Thought by Bill Johnson



To his audience, motivational speaker Zig Zigler said, "You might need to get a checkup from the neck up and get rid of your stinkin' thinkin'". That means learning a new way of thinking. Learn to think as God thinks. "How precious to me are your thoughts, O God," David the Psalmist wrote, "How vast is the sum of them!" (Psalm 139:17).

Jesus' thoughts were to Godward. "Thy kingdom come," He prayed. "Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven" (Matthew 6:10). When our thoughts are toward God, our prayers are for His purpose to be accomplished in us as it is in Christ who sits at His right hand.

God's thoughts are to usward, "For God so love the world!" He was willing to give His only Son to effect our redemption. This way of thinking (mind) was exemplified by the Good Samaritan who took time to help the wounded stranger. When God's will is done, as it is done in Heaven, peace will come in your own life internally as well as in your external world.

But our checkup reveals our selfish thinking, how can it be changed? By letting "this mind [thinking] be in you which was in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5). Okay, so how can we know the mind [thinking] of Christ? In 1 Corinthians 2, Paul pointed out that the divinely revealed Scripture represents the mind [thinking] of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16). To practice thinking like God, we must study God's Holy Word. Read it again, and again until you begin to talk Scriptures. Read and think about Bible verses as you face questions, problems and adversities. Ask God to work in you, changing your internal environment, not just circumstances around you! Begin each day with a prayer that God will open your eyes that you might see Him in every thought and activity of the day. Give yourself a checkup from the heart [neck up] at the end of each day.

Remember David's words, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me" (Psalm 51:10).



Container to be shipped to the Philippines in December 2023

Backpacks, Vacation Bible School sample kits, hymnals and so many other things are being readied for shipment to the Philippines. We are looking forward to having a group of volunteers from area churches converge on the WWLMS warehouse in Hamburg, Arkansas, to get everything ready for shipment. The container will be loaded with church pews, chairs, pianos, hymnals, VBS kits, pillowcase dresses, and so many other things for the churches of the Philippines.



Every gift for humanitarian ministry and to help the churches in their ministries is appreciated. I will make special mention of Levy Baptist Church in North Little Rock, Arkansas, where our daughter, Lynn, and her husband, Ian, are members. Their pastor, whose family were



members of Calvary Baptist Church, Dumas, Arkansas, has led them to donate 180 hymnals to be given to a church in the Philippines. Thank you, Pastor Steven Tiner and Levy church, the hymnals are greatly appreciated.

Happy Thanksgiving from the ICP families to you.

Give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Psalms 107:1





Moses and Titus in Nairobi are anxiously awaiting arrival of the new folding machine for which the Glazier Peau Baptist Church of Hot Springs, Arkansas, made a generous contribution. Because we opted for a more efficient machine than first planned, there is a remaining sum of about five thousand dollars needed to pay for this much needed machine.



The urgency of the need for the folding machine was realized when Moses reported the result of a two-day' seminar, followed by a two-day teacher's training school. Twelve teachers and three pastors attended the sessions held in Bosaga Landmark Baptist Church, about 275 miles from Nairobi. Moses taught them the skills needed to use the ICP *Character Code for Life* curriculum. Following the training school, Moses distributed curriculum materials enough

for three hundred children, some of them orphans, in the three churches. Because of the poverty of the churches, Moses refused to have them pay for the materials. He has additional training schools scheduled for the coming weeks. They will also have the *Lord of Kings* VBS curriculum translated and ready for use by next summer.

All of this points up the urgent need to continue to develop the printing capacity of the office in Nairobi. In addition to the folding machine, they will also need a commercial grade paper cutter, a book binding machine and other machines requiring about twenty-five thousand dollars. All of us at ICP USA are so blessed that the ministry in Kenya is growing — even reaching many children in Uganda, Tanzania and South Sudan.

John's Notes

CHARACTER CLUB BLESSINGS:

There have been six of our Character Club students saved in the past few months at First Baptist of Cave City, our sponsoring church. On October 22, I was blessed to baptize Isaac, one of our Intermediate students who was saved after class. We pray that you are also seeing spiritual blessings from your children's ministries. Please share pictures and comments that we can share with others.



HUMANITARIAN BACKPACKS:

I want to once again thank the many churches who got involved in helping fill orange Backpacks with hygiene products and school items for needy children in the Philippines. Pictured are several First Baptist Church, Cave City, members who helped box the 290 Backpacks for me to take to the warehouse in Hamburg, Arkansas. The container will be shipped soon after Thanksgiving.



SHARING THE MESSAGE OF SALVATION:

Taking advantage of every opportunity to share the Word of God and our *Character Code for Life* material, Sharon and I gave out ICP curriculum, New Testaments and whole Bibles to hundreds of children and parents at our Trunk or Treat Fall festival. Always be on the lookout for opportunities to share Jesus with others.

