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DAILY DOCTRINE: Mental Attitude

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1. The Christian way of life is a supernatural life (Rom. 8:2) which cannot be lived apart from power of the Holy Spirit and divine viewpoint (Rom. 7:6; Gal. 5:25; Eph. 5:18).
2. All true changes in our lives must come from the inside. This necessitates divine viewpoint and the power of the Holy Spirit:
  - a. Divine viewpoint thinking comes from Bible doctrine which renews the mind, Rom 12:1-2. Human viewpoint (bad philosophy) causes pathological thinking. Your viewpoint creates worldview.
  - b. Divine power comes from the Holy Spirit who is the only power stronger than the OSHGEN, old-sin-human-good-evil-nature (Gal 5:16-17, 22-23). Your OSHGEN, not your renewed nature, is the source of pathological actions.
3. The true character of the believer is shaped by his mental attitude, Prov. 23:7.
4. When we first come to Christ we changed our minds (“repent”) towards the person of Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19), which results in regeneration, John 1:12.
5. At the moment of salvation, God provided divine resources to enable us to live (Eph 5:8) in a manner which is acceptable to the Lord, and to think (Eph. 4:23; Col. 3:2) those things (divine viewpoint) that bring glory to Jesus Christ.
6. Mental attitude is all about volition. Positive and negative volition determines the direction of the attitude (not circumstances). With the right attitude difficulties develop virtue in the believer. With a bad attitude the difficulties create hardness of the heart which is the root of sin and vice in the life.
7. The mind of Christ (DV) is laid bare in the Bible (1 Cor. 2:16). Through an accurate study and application of doctrine (mind of Christ) the believer’s mind is transformed by the renewing of the mind, Rom. 12:2.
8. The mental attitude in the Christian life is of utmost importance. It is the key to victory. The thinking of our modern world has caused all kinds of mental pathologies that make it difficult to grasp and use Bible doctrine. There is a need to establish philosophical foundations to remove the irrationality and superstitious attitudes of believers. The goal is divine viewpoint, Isa 55:8 , 9.
9. Unbeliever cannot develop divine viewpoint (1 Cor. 2:14). He is stuck with human viewpoint and limited to divine establishment orientation as far as developing character.
10. Victory in the Christian life comes through the correct understanding and application of Bible doctrine. However, today’s society is saturated with so much pathological thinking that it has even affected some “doctrinal” believers. They have become irrational!
11. It is our mental attitude that determines our actions as well as our reactions to situations we face daily. How is your attitude?

In Him,

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