

It's all in your mind

(1 Peter 3:15)

Quote

“Whatever you hold in your mind will tend to occur in your life. If you continue to believe as you have always believed, you will continue to act as you have always acted. If you continue to act as you have always acted, you will continue to get what you have always gotten. If you want different results in your life or your work, all you have to do is change your mind” – Anonymous

I. Sanctify

Sanctify...

- Def.: set something aside, consecrate, dedicate, treat as holy. NT: 28x
 - Mt.6:9. Set Him apart in your life.
- Sanctification fail: Nu.27:...14

Everyone sanctifies something

- **Occupation** (Lk.14:16-24)
- **Money** (Lk.12, 16, 18)
- **Family** (Job 2:10-11)

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II. Christ...Lord

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- Christ: Greek equivalent of Hebrew *Messiah* = Anointed One.
 - Isa.45:1
 - Cyrus His anointed
 - My Messiah, Cyrus
 - Isa.61:1
 - Lk.4:18-21

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- Sanctified: Jn.17:17 . . . 1 Co.1:2 . . . 6:11
- Submit: Give Him all He is due. Lk.10:27
- Surrender: 1 Th.5:23
 - Sanctify you completely
 - Of sacrificial victims: *sound, perfect* in every part

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- Christ...
- Lord: Master; one who exercises power.
Mt.6:24.
 - Ac.9:6, ready to obey ‘Lord’
 - 7090 times in OT / 676 times in NT
 - Saul of Tarsus knew this word
 - Hb.5:9

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III. Heart

Heart – 1 Pt.1:22; 3:4

- Intellect, emotions, will
 - Balaam blessed Israel three times, then... 2 Pt.2:15
 - People ‘worship’ without heart
- How to sanctify Him in the heart?
 - First, put Him in the heart. Ro.6:17
 - Fear Him alone, not opponents.
 - 1 Pt.1:13-15; 2 Pt.1:14

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IV. Always Ready

Ready . . .

- Always . . .
 - Contrast: serve Lord 2-4 hours a week...
 - How?
 - Know what Bible says . . .
 - Always ready and willing to do it. 1Pt.2: 12...17
 - 'Always' includes persecution . . .
2 Tim.4

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V. Give Defense

“I have trouble thinking of right thing to say...”

Note what the passage does not say...

1. Refuse to discuss Bible.
2. Answer what is unsure / unrevealed.
Dt.29:29. 2 Tim.2:16
3. Argue with insincere people. Mt.7:6.
Ac.13:51
4. Be a repository of obscure facts. Mt.23:23
5. Answer without studying. Ja.3:1

Defense – ‘apology’

‘Apology’ = not admit guilt, but defend truth

- 2 Tim.4:16
- Includes informal explanations, reason for hope
- How to develop this ability?

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VI. Reason For Hope...

Reason + Hope

- Reason to everyone who asks you
- Hope in you (1:3, 21)
 - Theme of epistle
 - Requires knowledge and ability to furnish evidence for truth

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VII. Meekness And Fear

Meekness

- Gentleness. Strength under control.
 - Opposite of arrogance. Ac.2:13...37
 - We are sinners saved by grace...
- Fear, respect.
 - Awe, reverence before God, and due respect toward men – *right kind of fear*
 - 1:17; 3:14