

## Session Three



# **The Christian Business Association**

*Bringing the Word of God to Every Nation*

## **HOW SHOULD WE DEVELOP OUR MIND?**

BIBLE READING: Romans 12:1-8

KEY BIBLE VERSE: Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is. (Romans 12:2)

### ***OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD NEEDS TO INFLUENCE THE WAY WE THINK.***

Christians are told, "Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world," which are usually selfish and often corrupting. Many Christians wisely decide that much worldly behavior is off limits for them. Our refusal to conform to this world's values, however, must go even deeper than the level of behavior and customs-it must be firmly planted in our mind. It is possible to avoid most worldly customs and still be proud, covetous, selfish, stubborn, and arrogant. Only when the Holy Spirit renews, reeducates, and redirects our mind are we truly transformed (see Romans 8:5).

BIBLE READING: 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

KEY BIBLE VERSE: We who have the Spirit understand these things, but others can't understand us at all. How could they? For, "Who can know what the Lord is thinking? Who can give him counsel?" But we can understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ. (1 Corinthians 2:15-16)

### ***THE CHRISTIAN MIND IS CHARACTERIZED BY PURITY AND TRUTH.***

*What you put into your mind determines what comes out in your words and actions. Paul tells us to program our mind with thoughts that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, and praiseworthy. Do you have problems with impure thoughts and daydreams? Examine what you are putting into your mind through television, books, conversations, movies, and magazines. Replace harmful input with wholesome material. Above all, read God's Word and pray. Ask God to help you focus your mind on what is good and pure. It takes practice, but it can be done.*

## **GOD'S WORD ON SUCCESS**

*Success by God's standards is not measured by material assets, but by godliness and all that is associated with it. Many are both materially successful and successful by God's standards. But*

*we get into trouble when we gain material or worldly success at the expense of godly success. On the day of our death, when we lay aside all material assets, material success has no value. But how we have succeeded in godly matters counts in every way.*

### **WHAT IS TRUE SUCCESS IN GOD'S EYES?**

*We were created for extraordinary success. God wants and even encourages us to be successful.*

Acts 16:31 . . . Believe on the Lord Jesus and you will be saved.

Faith in Jesus is true success.

Matthew 22:37 . . . Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind."

Love for God is true success.

Psalms 119:115 . . . I intend to obey the commands of my God.

1 Kings 2:3-4 . . . Observe the requirements of the Lord your God and follow all his ways.

Obedience to God's Word is true success.

Matthew 20:26 . . . Among you it should be quite different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant.

Serving and helping others is true success.

Proverbs 16:3 . . . Commit your work to the Lord, and then your plans will succeed.

Committing all you do to God and putting God first in your life is true success.

Mark 4:19 . . . All too quickly the message is crowded out by the cares of this life, the lure of wealth, and the desire for nice things.

*True success, that which comes from God, is killed by our attraction to worldly things. When we lust for money, position, power, fame, we will be tempted to spend our energies to get these things, and that will take us away from a pursuit of God.*

### **PROMISES FROM GOD:**

Psalms 60:12 . . . With God's help we will do mighty things, for he will trample down our foes.

God will help you be truly successful.

Psalms 84:11 . . . The Lord God is our light and protector. He gives us grace and glory. No good thing will the Lord withhold from those who do what is right.

*God blesses those who work hard to do right.*

## **GOD'S WORD ON COMMITMENT**

*The achievement of any goal or purpose requires commitment-whether for good or for evil. The Bible speaks of commitment in both negative and positive ways: "committing" a sin (Deuteronomy 22:22) and "committing your way to the Lord" (Psalm 37:5). Each alternative involves making a decision, turning oneself over to something or someone, a focused and sometimes costly perseverance, and then reaping the consequences or rewards of our commitment. Understanding commitment and learning to commit our hearts, minds, and bodies is central to a life of faith. In fact, faith devoid of commitment is dead.*

### **WHY IS COMMITMENT SO HARD?**

Nehemiah 5:16 . . . I devoted myself to working on the wall.

*Commitment is never easy; it requires courageous perseverance.*

### **HOW STRONG IS GOD'S COMMITMENT TO ME?**

Isaiah 46:4 . . . I will be your God throughout your lifetime-until your hair is white with age. I made you, and I will care for you. I will carry you along and save you.

*God has promised his total commitment to us, from the time we are born to the time we die. Nothing can break his commitment.*

Titus 2:14 . . . He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing what is right.

*God's commitment to us is so strong that Jesus gave his life for us.*

### **PROMISE FROM GOD:**

2 Chronicles 15:15 . . . Eagerly they sought after God, and they found him.

Hebrews 3:14 . . . If we are faithful to the end . . . we will share in all that belongs to Christ.

### ***Reprogramming your mind and attitude is essential if you are going to achieve extraordinary outcomes.***

It is vital that you realize that even though you may feel like an ordinary person, you were created for extraordinary achievement, both at home and at work.

**A WORD OF CAUTION:** If you fail to wake up and change your attitude about who you are and what you can achieve, you will continue to act as if your dream can never become a reality. You will not dream big and you will never achieve anything other than your tiniest dreams.

*Your goal is not riches, but rather to rightly equip yourself for extraordinary success in the area of your choosing.*

## THE THREE STEP PROCESS FOR REPROGRAMMING YOUR BRAIN AND ATTITUDE

### Step 1- Realization

- Your future success is not based on, nor limited by, your present know-how or resources like time, talent or money.
- Your future success is not limited by your lack of achievement in the past or by past failures.
- Your future success at home or on the job is going to be based on the fact that your mind is programmed for extraordinary success through a specific set of strategies, skills, and techniques that you are going to learn in our coaching/training sessions and will utilize in your daily life.

### Step 2- Personal Commitment

- You need to make a decision right now to believe that the strategies and skills in the program will make a difference and then act according to your belief by using the skills and strategies contained in this series on a daily basis.

### Step 3- Strategy

- You will learn a set of skills in a future session that is called "Vision Mapping." Vision mapping will give you a clear definition of your goal on any particular dream, the extraordinary outcome that you want to achieve and the way to make those dreams a reality.

**IMPORTANT DEFINITION!** Extraordinary achievement is more than just accomplishing. It is an achievement that brings an extraordinary amount of benefit or fulfillment to you or the people you care about. Keep in mind that true success is defined by how you benefit others around you.

Consider these questions and circle the one that seems the most right to you.

**1. Whose brain is larger?**

Thomas Edison      Bill Gates      Warren Buffett      Yours

**2. Whose brain performs more functions?**

Thomas Edison      Bill Gates      Warren Buffett      Yours

**3. Who has experienced the most failures in business and personal life functions?**

Thomas Edison      Bill Gates      Warren Buffett      Yours

**4. What will be the greatest determining factor in your future success?**

- Past Education
- Current Knowledge
- Talents
- Resources
- Mastery and utilization of the strategies and techniques you are going to learn in future mentoring sessions.

**5. What will be your most important activity in reprogramming your mind for extraordinary success personally and professionally?**

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**Visualization Exercise** (To be done with coach)

This is a powerful exercise that will help you see exactly how powerful your mind can be and what you are capable of doing. By creating word pictures so you can visualize an entire list of unrelated items.

*What else can you do with a reprogrammed brain? ANSWER: Whatever you want.*

**Begin the process of Vision Mapping or defining your dreams.**

As you begin to list your strengths, weaknesses, the things you love to do and the things you want to do better, you will discover areas where you are extraordinary right now. This exercise will also suggest to you areas of interest. Be encouraged by the exercise. You are now beginning a process that will become the foundation of your future success. You will begin to learn how to move those thoughts into action and achievement through the rest of this course.

**1. List what you consider to be your strengths.**

**PERSONAL STRENGTHS**

(Temperament, traits, talents, ability, relational strengths, etc.)

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**PROFESSIONAL STRENGTHS**

(Sales, administration, management, marketing, etc.)

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**2. List what you consider to be your weaknesses.**

**PERSONAL WEAKNESSES**

(Lack of education, lack of success, lack of patience, your temper, etc.)

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**PROFESSIONAL WEAKNESSES**

(Sales, administration, management, marketing, etc.)

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3. **List the things you love to do the most.** (It doesn't matter if these items are in social activities, recreation, networking, or something else. List them without judging them.)

**PERSONAL ACTIVITIES**

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**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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4. **List the things you really do well, no matter how significant or insignificant you think they are.** Make the list as long or as short as you want...but make it! These are the strengths that you are going to build your DREAMS upon.

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