

CASTING DOWN WRONG THOUGHTS

Satan Seeks Your “Think On”

- I. **The enemy seeks your focus, attention, “think on”-Pr7:1-My son **keep** my words and **lay up** (Store up, hoard) my commandments with thee. ²Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye. ³Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine **heart** (mind, inner man). ⁴Say unto wisdom, You art my **sister** (together, intimate connection) and call understanding thy **kinswoman** (intimate relationship, close). ⁵That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger which **flatters** (smooth, slippery, deceitful) with her words. ⁶For at the window of my house I looked through my casement, ⁷And beheld among the **simple** (open-minded, willing to listen or consider, open or roomy in a mental sense, seducible, foolish) ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of **understanding** (unawares), ⁸Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house. ⁹In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night: ¹⁰And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and **subtil** (conceal, hidden, sly, crafty, deceitful) of heart. ¹¹She is **loud** (loud sound) and **stubborn** (persevering, constant, persisting, steady); her feet abide not in her house: ¹²Now is she without, now in the streets and **lieth in wait** [lurk, lie in ambush] at every corner.) ¹³So she **caught** (seize, fasten upon) him, and kissed him, and with an **impudent** (strong, bold, resolute-determined, constant in a purpose; obstinate-fixed firmly in resolution) face said unto him, ¹⁴I have peace offerings with me; this day have I payed my vows. ¹⁵Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy **face** (turning of your face, presence, regard-look towards), and I have found thee. ¹⁶I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved works, with fine linen of Egypt. ¹⁷I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. ¹⁸Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves. ¹⁹For the goodman is not at home, he is gone a long journey: ²⁰He hath taken a bag of money with him, and will come home at the day appointed.²¹ With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she **forced** (mislead, push off) him. ²²He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks; ²³Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life. ²⁴**Hearken** (hear, attention, consider) unto me now therefore, O ye children, and **attend** (give heed, pay attention) to the words of my mouth. ²⁵Let not your heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths**
- A. To Keep God’s Words is to mind His Words-(Keep-Heed-To mind, a steady look; Attend; Observe-Hold in view, practice, store in memory, hedge about); You are Laying up His commandments within you, keeping His commandments, binding them on your fingers (keep them in view), writing them on the table of your heart and mind
1. This is being proactive with what you think on-Don’t leave your mind in neutral, rather think on the right things and you won’t think on the wrong things-**Gal5:16**-Walk in the spirit and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh
- B. The strange woman is a type of the enemy-Yield to the enemy and you become like him
1. We need to know how the enemy operates-One big problem many have in regards to the devil is they don’t know how he operates and this makes it easy for him to get one over you (EX-Play on the side)-**2Cor2:11**-We are not ignorant of his devices; **PH**-We don’t want Satan to win any victory here, and well we know his methods
 2. His weapon is smooth, deceitful thought-producing words-He doesn’t just do something, he first says something **Pr5:5-GN**-Smooth with her words; **Gn3:1**-He said unto the woman; **Mt4:3**-When the tempter came to him, he said
 3. He seeks the simple-The open-minded, those willing to listen and consider what he is saying; There is a bunch of stuff we should be unwilling to listen to or consider-(Eve should have been unwilling to consider eating the tree)
 - a. Once we know what God says we’re close-minded-Unwilling to consider it based on what His Word clearly says
 4. He seeks those void of understanding-Those unaware, that he’s out there, how he operates, what he wants to do-**Pr5:7-CEB**-One who had no sense (awareness or recognition of something)
 5. He’s looking for people to devour-She’s in the streets, not at home-**CJ**-Stalks the streets and squares, lurking at every street corner; **CEV**-Walk street after street; **ER**-Always looking for someone to trap; **MS**-Restless and roaming; **1Pt:5:8**
 6. He is subtle-Presents herself as something she’s not (14) (2Co11:14); Flattered with her words (smooth, deceitful, mislead); Presents a thought she wants him to think on (16-20), an imagination she wants him to see and it’s leading him astray; It looks good, smells good, feels good, it all be good, but it’s death; Lies in wait, lurking, concealed, waiting to attack by surprise; **Pr7:10-ASV**-Wily of heart; **CSB**-Hidden agenda; **CEB**-Cunning mind; **NCV**-Planning to trick him
 - a. Her subtlety was a key component in defeating him-**Pr7:21**
 7. He seeks your face desperate for your attention-She was determined to get it his attention (impudent face), she grabs him, kisses him, she’s loud [**Mt14:30**-The wind boisterous (loud)] all in an attempt to get his attention
 8. He is stubborn (steady, persisting)-RR-Devil-Repetitiously throw something striking repeatedly until object is penetrated

- a. Her persisting was key in getting him to yield-Pr7:21-CS-Seduces him with her persistent pleading; NAB-Repeated urging
- b. It's a war of attrition-Jd14:17-She wept before him the seven days, while their feast lasted: and it came to pass on the seventh day, that he told her, because she lay sore (pressured him so much) upon him; Jd16:16-When she pressed (pressing) him daily with her words, and urged (press) him, so that his soul was vexed (diminish) unto death; 17 That he told her all his heart; Mt4:1
- c. We must resist steadfast because he comes repeatedly-1Pt5:9-Resist steadfast (resolute, constant) in the faith

II. Most have no idea the gravity of the situation when it comes to what they think on-Pr7:22-23

- A. Most are unaware that to yield your mind to him, will cost you your life-He was completely unaware that where he let his mind go would cost him his life like Eve was unaware that considering the tree would cost her, her life
- B. What you think on is matter of life or death-Rm8:6-To be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually mind is life and peace
 1. Thinking on the wrong thing is how you get in bad shape spiritually-Mt6:22-The light of the body is the eye; if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil (bad), thy whole body shall be full of darkness: Lm3:19-CEV-Just thinking of my troubles and my lonely wandering makes me miserable. 20 That's all I ever think about, and I am depressed
 2. Thinking on the wrong thing is how you lose your faith-Rm4:19,Mt14:30,1Jn5:4,Ep6:16
 3. Thinking on the wrong thing is how you give place to the devil in your life-Ep4:26, Gn3, Mt14, Jn10:10
- C. Don't let your heart (mind) turn to her ways-Your mind will try to go places, it'll be pulled, don't let it-Pr7:24-25-CEV-Don't even think about that kind of woman; DRA-Let not thy mind be drawn away in her ways; TL-Don't let yourself think about her
 1. He's says pay attention because this is important-Then He says don't let your mind turn to her ways