

## Life Works – When You Work with the Law: Part 2

### The Law of Thinking



#### I. Introduction.

**Proverbs 23:7** “For as he **thinks** in his heart, **so is he.**” (NKJV)

- A. We live in a universe ruled by a God who is not capricious. God is not erratic, inconsistent or arbitrary.
- B. What defines our lives is not the environment of our childhood, our present bank account, whom we know, etc., but **our alignment with the Laws of the Universe.**
- C. **The Law of Thinking anchors all the other laws** and is fundamental to man’s success in every endeavor.
- D. Everything coming into our lives **we’ve attracted with and through our thinking.**
- E. None of us can get better at anything until we **make up our minds** to improve, and then **align our thinking with the thoughts (laws) of God.**
- F. The Law of Supply, “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you,” (Matthew 7:7) is available to each one of us.



However, for most of us this law is **muted by our thinking** and **made null and void by unbelief** because we do not think like God (the Law) thinks.

**Isaiah 55:7-8** “Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man **his thoughts:** and let him return unto the LORD . . . **For my thoughts are not your thoughts . . .**” (KJV)

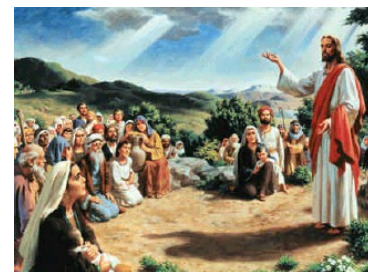
**But God desires our thoughts to be His thoughts!**

- G. There is something **within you** that is greater than any problem **outside of you.** It’s called **the Kingdom of God.**

**Matthew 6:33** “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, **and all these things shall be added to you.**” (NKJV)

Jesus said there was just **one prerequisite** for us to be able to operate in this kingdom:

**Matthew 4:17** “From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, **Repent:** (= **to think differently, to reconsider**) for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” (KJV)



- H. Matthew 13:11-12** “Then he explained to them, ‘You have been permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven, but others have not. **To those who are open to my teaching, more understanding will be given,** and they will have an abundance of knowledge. **But to those who are not listening, even what they have will be taken away from them.**” (NLT)

Thinking about this verse in the context of the Laws of the Universe, as we begin to **gain an understanding of operating parameters (laws) of the Kingdom**, more revelation will be given to us. But if we disregard what He is revealing to us now, then even that which we know will be taken from us.

**I. But I thought we were not “under the Law” but under grace?**

**Romans 6:14** “For sin shall not have dominion over you, **for you are not under law but under grace.**” (NKJV)

This is true for one issue: **attaining righteousness and justification in the eyes of God.**

There is no law we could conform to that can ever make us righteous in God’s eyes. It took the death of Jesus on the cross to do that, coupled with our faith in the sacrifice of His life to save our own.



**Romans 3:20** “Therefore **by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight . . .**” (KJV)

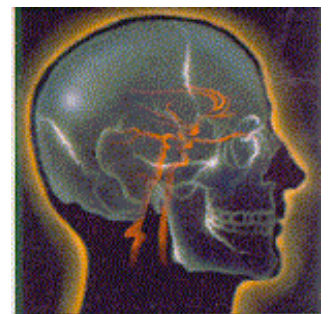
**Galatians 3:21** “. . . For **if there had been a law** given which could have given life, truly **righteousness would have been by the law.**” (NKJV)

**For all other issues, healing, financial prosperity, relationships, freedom, etc., we are subject to the Law . . .** the Laws of Science, God’s prescriptive Laws of Success, and the civil laws governing the affairs and conduct of man on planet earth.

**II. The Law of Thinking.**

**A. What is “Thinking?”**

1. We’re talking about **the emotional mind . . . the feelings . . . and not just the intellect.**
2. We’re referring to **deeply held convictions, beliefs, paradigms, attitudes, strongly held points of view . . . things we feel passionately about, which tend to dominate the thought patterns of our minds.**



**We are not talking about superficial or fleeting thoughts** which have minimal passion or force behind them, and which do not have lengthy “residence” time occupying our mind, will and emotions.

## **B. The Law of Thinking.**

**“We attract only what we think or create; this is the Law of Thinking.”** (*Working with the Law*, Raymond Holliwell)

The Law requires that we must first **think things into existence** from within, before we can see them in outward physical manifestation.

Everything we see in creation was first created as a **thought** before it became a **“thing.”** The thought is the “blueprint” from which the final “thing” was constructed.

**Whatever we think about, we bring about.** Those things we are continually holding in mind, especially with an elevated degree of passion or conviction, are the things we are drawing into our lives. They are being “constructed” just as surely as the new house next door to us is being constructed. Soon they will appear in visible manifestation as we continue to **tenaciously and passionately** cling to that which we are holding in mind and continually “thinking” about.

## **C. Thoughts are things.**

**“Your thoughts are physical things. Your thinking and your thoughts are biological. Your thoughts are electrochemical impulses. They can be seen. They can be measured. They literally can be touched. They can be examined. They are real. They are physical.**

Your mind is what your brain does. It is a basic, vital important understanding and discovery that **they** (your thoughts) **are electrochemical energy** and that if you understand the functioning of your brain, you will mind your brain. You will control your mind. **You will control your thinking.”** (*Mind Your Brain*, Doug Bench)



## **D. Optimum performance under the Law of Thinking.**

### **1. Organize our thoughts and keep our eyes on the goal.**



**“To achieve success we must think it, we must work it, we must become it. To advance, we must make some effort to rise . . . To rise above any limitation we must organize our thinking** along constructive lines. If man wishes to climb a hill, he doesn’t sit down at the base of it and pray to the good Lord to lift him, hoping the Lord will pick him up bodily and carry him to the top, or give him a pair of wings to fly. **The natural thing he does first is to organize his thought;** he decides he is going to climb the hill, and then he starts to climb. **He climbs steadily, keeping his eye ever on the top.** He may find

another, picking out a better trail; he may wind around; he may slip back a step or two; he may even fall; he may have to stop to rest to regain his strength; but **as he keeps his thoughts collected and his desire intent upon reaching the top**, he will eventually get there.” (*Working with the Law*, Raymond Holliwell)



**2. Make sure the points of view we hold are accurate and realistic.**

“**Mental attitudes** are the result of **ideas**, and these have their origin in **points of view**; therefore, **by seeking true and natural points of view**, one may secure the best and most superior ideas, and these in turn will determine the predominating state of mind.” (*Working with the Law*, Raymond Holliwell)

**3. Understand that whatever we give our energy to will grow.**

“As long as we allow things to seem real to us, we are **putting our energy into it**. We are nurturing it; **we are feeding it; we are keeping it alive**; we are putting our faith into that thing, whether we like it or not, and **it must naturally grow**, for the law of growth is ever working to produce whatever seed we plant.”

If we’re **not thinking correctly**, if we’re **holding an unnatural point of view**, or if we’ve overlooked something in the blueprint of the “**thought**” design, the results can be unpleasant or even catastrophic. (video clip)

**E. The bottom line:** whatever we **think about, feel passionately about and hold in mind** on a **continuing basis** is assuredly being drawn into our lives. **This is the Law of Thinking**. The only variable is **the timing of the arrival** of that which we have been thinking.

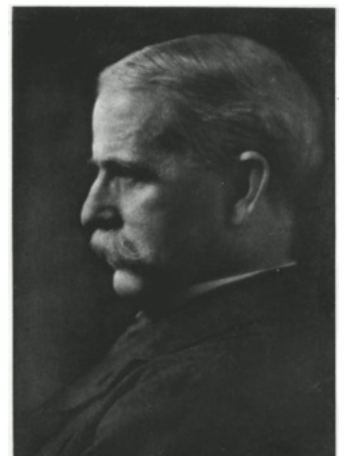
**Thoughts Are Things**

“I hold it true that thoughts are things;  
They’re endowed with bodies and breath and wings:  
And that we send them forth to fill  
The world with good results, or ill.

That which we call our secret thought  
Speeds forth to earth’s remotest spot,  
Leaving its blessings or its woes  
Like tracks behind it as it goes.

We build our future, thought by thought,  
For good or ill, yet know it not.  
Yet so the universe was wrought.

Thought is another name for fate;  
Choose then thy destiny and wait,  
For love brings love and hate brings hate.”



Henry Van Dyke, 1852 – 1933,  
American Author, Educator  
and Clergyman



### III. The Power of Our Thoughts.

**Proverbs 4:23** “Be careful what you think, because **your thoughts run your life.**” (NCV)

A. “Man can **impress his thought** on formless substance and **cause the thing he thinks about to be created.**” (*Working with the Law*, Raymond Holliwell)

B. “**Human thoughts have a tendency to transform themselves into their physical equivalent.**” (Earl Nightingale)

C. “**Thought is the great power of the Universe . . .** it follows laws as uncompromising as those of mathematics, while at the same time allowing unlimited freedom to the individual.” (*The Law and the Word*, Thomas Troward)



D. **Both success and failure flow from our thought patterns.**

“If we take **the thought of success** and keep it in mind, the thought elements will be attracted, for **‘like attracts like.’** We are mentally drawn to the universal thought currents of success, and those thought currents of success are existent all around us. We will psychically contact minds who think along the same lines, and later such minds will be brought into our lives. **Therefore successful minded people help success come to them . . .**



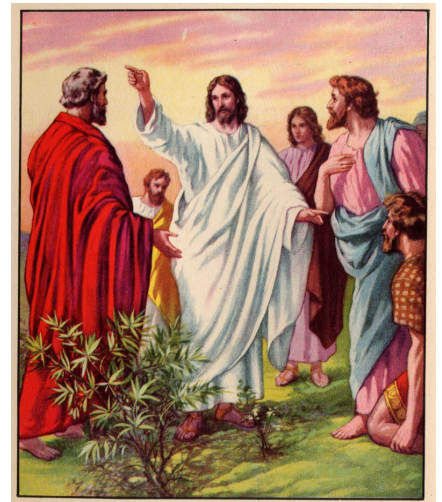
The Law of the mind is in perpetual operation, and it works both ways. **Persons who dwell on thoughts of failure or poverty will gravitate toward like conditions;** they, in turn, will draw to them people **who accept failure and poverty . . .** What the mind holds within takes its form in the outer world.” (*Working with the Law*, Raymond Holliwell)

**Proverbs 13:20** “He who walks with wise men shall be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed.” (NKJV)

E. **The first step to freedom begins in the mind.**

The **first** word of the **first** public message Jesus delivered to those who were gathered around Him was “**repent**” (= to think differently).

In the context of operating within the Kingdom of God, Jesus was telling them they would have to let go of some of their cherished beliefs and **change the way they were thinking**, if they wanted to operate in the power of that Kingdom.



“The idea of **letting go of ‘cherished beliefs’** is basic to the growth of all Christians . . . The Big Book says that **‘some of us tried to hold onto our old ideas, but the results were nil until we let go absolutely.’**

It goes on to suggest that we must realize that **‘most of our troubles were of our own making’** and that we must **‘avoid the deliberate manufacture of misery.’** In A.A., many times I’ve heard someone new say: **‘My best thinking is what got me here.’** (referring to a lifestyle of addiction.)” (John Baudhuin)

#### F. Every problem is mental and is governed by the Law of Thinking.

**“Thoughts in our minds are governed by a law with the same exactness. Mind is the source and cause of conditions in our lives; hence, it is here that we start to adjust and discipline our thoughts in order to stabilize our affairs. The fact that every problem is mental is another reason why we must learn to control our thoughts to determine our lives. But is our problem mental? Let us see. If we desire to gain wealth, we find that it is not a place, nor an environment. If so, all the people in one city would be poor. Wealth is not the result of saving or of thrift. Many penurious people are poor; many free spenders are rich. Wealth is not due to any certain business, for men in the same business are poor and rich alike. It is something within the mind of man that makes the wealth, and that something in the mind of man is the quality and type of thoughts he entertains.**



Look at Nature . . . If a dog jumps off a barn roof, he lands with a thud and suffers pain for his act. **Instinct warns a dog not to take advantage of Nature.** Does the hungry lion in the jungle roar and lash in an effort to find his prey? **Instinct warns the lion to be quiet, to steal carefully upon his prey, to stalk his meal.** Have you ever observed how Mrs. Cat will patiently wait for hours for Mr. Mouse? These are samples of organized action that is instinctive in any animal.



**This instinct must be adhered to by man . . . Man must stalk success or any worthwhile enterprise similar to the lion who stalks his meal.”** (*Working with the Law*, Raymond Holliwell)

**“No problem can withstand the assault of sustained thinking.”** (Voltaire)

#### G. The Law of Thinking does not differentiate between good thoughts and bad thoughts.



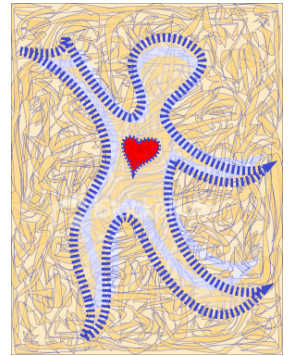
**“ . . . as we follow the Law of Good and dwell upon that which is good we shall bring to pass all good things. The mind force is creating continually like fertile soil. Nature does not differentiate between the seed of a weed and that of a flower. She produces and causes both seeds to grow. The same energy is used for both, and so it is with the mind. The mind creates either good or bad. Your ideas determine which is to be created.**

“Our fears can do so much to us that we should be most careful what we fear and worry about . . . **Whatever we think in our minds must grow.** Why do you suppose the farmer goes out to weed his garden and works tediously to eliminate every weed? Because he knows that if he does not clean out the weeds they will grow stronger and tougher and choke out his crop. If some condition handicaps us, perhaps a weed that must be plucked out, it is important to know that the condition is the effect that we see; it is not the true cause that we see. **Dig down deep into the mental storehouse and find out what is that cause . . . if it is fear, replace it with courage. If it is a disease thought, replace it with a healthy thought. If it is a limited thought, think thoughts of plenty.**” (*Working with the Law*, Raymond Holliwell)



## H. Thoughts and our health.

“To be healthy, **it is imperative that you believe you’re healthy or soon will be.** It is almost impossible to be healthy if you think you’re sick or if you think you’re going to be sick. **Your defense against illness starts in your mind.** Your mind directs the healing activities of the body through nerve impulses through circulating chemicals in the blood stream.



Researchers have found that **your white cells have little receptors on them so that your brain can tell them what to do.** This is one of the reasons to use pain medication very sparsely. Pain medication fools the brain into thinking that there’s no problem, so the brain fails to direct the healing process properly.

If you believe you’re going to be well, you’re much more likely to do the things that will result in wellness, both consciously and sub-consciously.

On the flip side of this, **if you believe you’re going to be sick, you’ll think, see and say things that will cause you to be sick.** In other words you’re going to have what you say.

Much of our activity through out each day is directed by the brain on a subconscious level. **When we believe in our wellness, the brain works toward wellness in many ways that we are completely unaware of.** On the other hand, **if we believe in our sickness, our brain simply ignores many healing activities.** This sub-conscious neurological programming of the body is the whole basis of Voodoo. When people **believe** they’re going to get sick, they get sick and even die.

**Optimistic thoughts are mandatory for good health.”** (*Wellness Report: How to Be a Healthy Specimen*, Dr. Karl Sandberg, M.D.)

## I. Thinking and seeing.

**“We are prone to believe more than what we see.** The evidences of the senses are the only facts that some will accept, but now we shall realize more and more that **it is what we believe that determines what we shall see. In other words, believing is seeing.”** (*Working with the Law*, Raymond Holliwell)

**John 11:40** “Jesus said to her (Martha), ‘Did I not say to you that **if you would believe you would see** the glory of God?’ ” (NKJV)



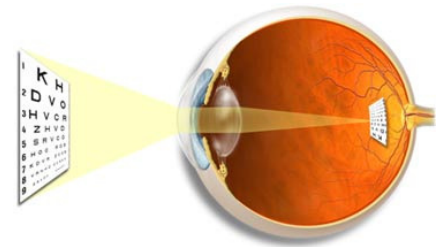
If we only believe what our eyes can see, we will often be misled.

Railroad tracks appear to converge, but they really don't.

A ship on the horizon appears to be sinking, “hull down” in the water, but it really isn't.



**“Did you know that you don't even see with your eyes!** Your eyes are like a pair of windows; at the back of the window there is a reflector and this reflector, in turn, forms an image of what you see and sets up a wave current. **This wave current follows along thin wires called nerves.** This relays the image back to the brain. Here at the brain it is referred to the memory center. **If the picture is a common one our memory accepts it readily,** but if we are looking upon some new picture, some new scene, our memory does not recognize it, and **then we must repeat the picture over and over many times until it makes a lasting impression. Therefore, we do not see with our eyes; we see with our mind.”** (*Working with the Law*, Raymond Holliwell)



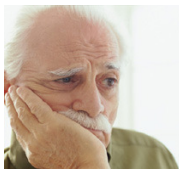
- J. The speed of thought.** “Thought is a subtle element; although it is invisible to the physical sight, it is an actual force or substance, as real as electricity, light, heat, water or even stone. We are surrounded by a vast ocean of **thought stuff** through which our thoughts pass like currents of electricity, or tiny streaks of light or musical waves. **You can flash your thoughts from pole to pole, completely around the world many times in less than a single second. Scientists tell us that thought is compared with the speed of light . . .** No other force or power in the universe yet known is as great or as quick. It is an unlimited force; your power to think is inexhaustible, **yet there is not one in a thousand who may be fully aware of the possibilities of his thought power.** We are mere babes in handling it . . . **It is our power to**



**think that determines our state of living . . .** Our thoughts affect our welfare, and often affect others we think of. The kind of thoughts we register on our memories or habitually think attract the same kind of conditions.” (*Working with the Law*, Raymond Holliwell)

#### IV. Your Predominant Mental State.

- A. **“The progress of the individual is largely determined by his ruling mental state, because the mind is the basic factor and governing power in the entire life of man.** Attention should be given to **the predominant mental state, for it will regulate the action and direction of all one’s forces,** faculties and powers, the sum total of which will inevitably determine many particular experiences and the personal fate.



**The ruling state of mind is made up of various mental attitudes** which the individual adopts toward things, events, and life in general . . . **If his ruling mental state is upward bound, that is, aspiring, harmonious, and positive, all his forces will be directed into constructive channels; but if his state of mind is downward in tendency, that is, discordant and negative, then almost all his forces will be misdirected.”** (*Working with the Law*, Raymond Holliwell)



- B. **How would you describe your own predominant mental state?**

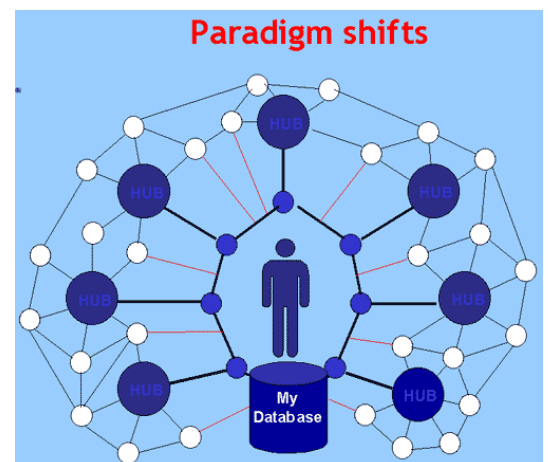
Is it aspiring, harmonious and positive? Or discordant and negative? Courageous or fearful? Healthy or plagued by thoughts of sickness and disease? Peaceful or anxious? Joyful or sad? Confident or uncertain? Optimistic or pessimistic? Enthusiastic or discouraged? Accepting of all people or judgmental? Forgiving or bitter? Experiencing freedom or overloaded with guilt? Trusting or skeptical? Loving or hating self and others?

#### V. The Problem.

- A. **Erroneous paradigms in the subconscious mind.**

A **paradigm** is a set of **assumptions, values, or mental practices** that constitute a **way of viewing reality**. Paradigms are **self-inflicted**. We made the **assumptions and chose the values** that populate them based on our life experiences to date.

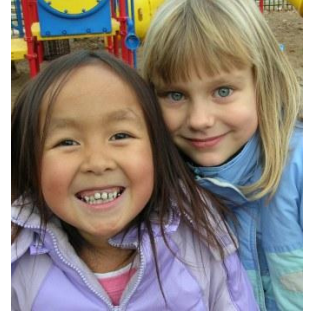
The paradigms we currently hold are **shaping our perception** of what is happening in the world around us at this very moment. **If the paradigm is in error, it distorts reality and blocks our ability to see the truth.**



**Paradigms are very powerful.** They screen all incoming data and **block, distort or ignore** any incoming information **that does not fit the rules of the paradigm.**

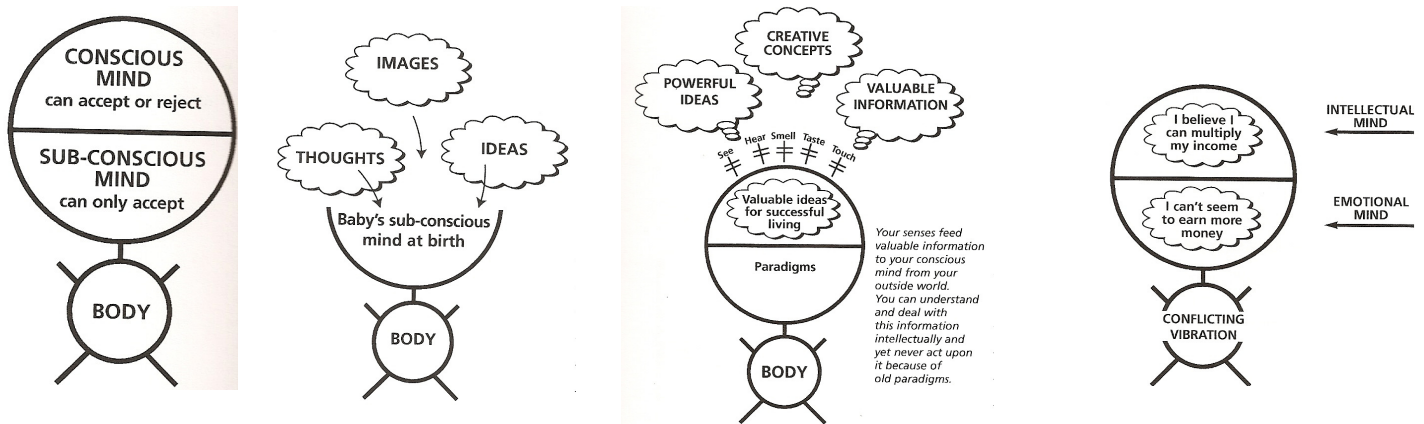
## B. Paradigm formation.

As children, each of us experienced **varying degrees of love, acceptance, encouragement, etc.** We overheard and **fully accepted** (because we were undiscerning children) statements made by family members about our **looks, capabilities, character and intelligence.** These pronouncements were sent directly to our “unfiltered” sub-conscious mind and stored as truth. Many of them are still in place today.



We also stored **the values, beliefs and prejudices** of our parents, family members and other authority figures concerning **race, religion, ethnic background, work, money, how to achieve happiness, etc.**

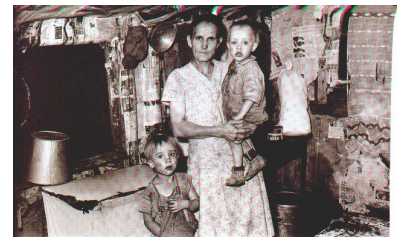
Each of the pronouncements and impressions we received were downloaded and inputted directly into the subconscious mind as 100% truth. Thus began the establishment of our subconscious paradigms, many of which still drive our behavior today.



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## C. Financial paradigms.

Many have grown up with a **poverty mentality.** “There’s never enough for everyone.” “Grab or get none.” Instead of being raised with an **abundance mentality, which is consistent with the Laws of Life,** they have been conditioned to **make agreements with lack** up to this point in their lives.



As a result, **the predominant financial thought patterns are focused on scarcity, lack and limitation.** Given this mindset, financial “thought seeds” that are sown deploy the power of the mind and its thoughts toward **more lack and scarcity** . . . and against what we really desire, which is abundance.

#### D. Relationship paradigms.

Many have been raised and are still living under the power of “conditional love.” I’ll love you “if” you act in certain ways, make good grades, finish your peas, etc.

#### E. The Law cannot, will not and does not discriminate.

“As we have seen, the Law knows nothing of persons, but acts automatically in strict accord with the nature of the power which has set it in motion. **Under negative conditions the great Law of the Universe becomes your adversary,** and must continue to be so, **until by your altered mode of thought you put yourself in line with it.**” (*The Law and the Word*, Thomas Troward)

Just as the soil of the earth does not discriminate when different seeds are planted, so whatever ‘thought’ seeds are planted in the soil of our minds, **must produce a crop consistent with the characteristics of the seeds planted,** if those seeds are watered, nurtured, cultivated and fertilized.



#### F. The Challenge.



**“Man is constantly thinking.** He can change his thought, but he cannot stop thinking. This thinking power flows in and through him like the very air we breathe. **Man’s problem, then, is to direct his power of thinking into constructive channels of expression.**” (*Working with the Law*, Raymond Holliwell)

#### G. The need for a disciplined mind.

“The first question in our self-development is, **are we controlled by our thoughts, or are we controlling our thoughts? Are we using our thoughts for gain? Are our thoughts using us for a continued loss?**



Jesus said, ‘Seek ye first the Kingdom of Heaven and all things will be added.’ He also said, ‘The Kingdom is **within** you.’ Heaven is a state of mind. Therefore, heaven is an orderly, disciplined, constructive state of thinking.

**To gain all things, we must first gain a disciplined, orderly, constructive state of mind.** Have you a disciplined mind? **Have you any dominating appetite? Are you emotional? Do you vent your feelings through impatience, temper, malice, hate, pride, envy, conceit, lies, dishonesty and the like?** Any of the negations as named, if controlling your thoughts, **will delay good from coming to you.** Anything in life that dominates us, makes us a servant to its dictates.” (*Working with the Law*, Raymond Holliwell)

## H. The need to organize our thoughts and think correctly.

**“When our ideas are organized, they are under our control . . . All action is the result of thought. It determines the conditions of life, and to have better conditions in life we must first make efforts to organize our thoughts. We wish to gain the best in life, but we do not know how to think correctly.**

**The average person thinks at random;** he has no clear design in his mind to which he can frame his thoughts. **If he has a design, he does not direct his daily efforts toward it. Most of his thinking is beyond control, chaotic, and unorganized.** This is why disappointment and failure are always near, for they thrive on indecision.” (*Working with the Law*, Raymond Holliwell)

## I. Example.

“A woman wanted to dispose of her home. She couldn’t understand what was delaying her answer, for she had been praying, she said, for some time. I asked her, ‘What do you do towards working with the Law? Tell me what you did yesterday.’ Well, first she prepared breakfast for her family. Then she got the children off to school. Then, she said, she always spent thirty minutes with her silence and her reading. After that, Mrs. Jones called her on the phone and they had a lengthy chat, but it was of little importance.



Then it was time to prepare lunch. After lunch her neighbor called her out to see the garden, and she stood and talked over the fence for more than an hour. ‘But,’ I asked, ‘What did you do in between these incidents?’ ‘Oh,’ she replied, ‘whatever came to my notice that had to be done. I was busy all the time, but somehow,’ she added, ‘I have never liked housework.’ Where did she fail?

**First of all, she lacked discipline in her mind except where others demanded it.** Her husband demanded it, the school demanded it, so she got the breakfast and the children off to school on time. ‘You didn’t make any effort towards selling your house,’ I stated. ‘You thought thirty minutes’ silence would do it. **Instead of organizing your time and work you did just whatever came along.**’ Her housework controlled her; she did not control her time or her work. She saw the truth. She went back home, and each day thereafter outlined her work mentally. If she talked with a friend or neighbor, it was for just a definite time, not any length of time. Each day her work was planned so that she would accomplish something toward preparing to sell the house. Several weeks later a letter came to me in which this woman stated that the house had been sold at a good price, and she added, ‘Do you know, I really love my work now. **When the day is done I have accomplished so much more,** and I am not nearly as tired as before. **I am teaching my children to be orderly thinkers.**’

**Do you do just whatever comes along? Do you plan your day that something definite will be accomplished towards your aim, your ambition?”** (*Working with the Law*, Raymond Holliwell)



## VI. Solutions.

- A. Become intimately aware of your thoughts, convictions and passionate beliefs.** Sanity check their validity against current information. Talk with others you trust, who may be at a higher “thought level” than you are, in what ever area you are reviewing (finances, relationships, health issues, etc.)
- B. Be brutally honest with yourself regarding where your mind is all day, and what you truly believe.** Are the issues that dominate your thinking healthy or unhealthy? Are they in line with the Laws of Life and able to move you forward? Or do they reflect error prone thinking embedded in old paradigms that keep you pinned down and locked into losing ways and habits? (Video clip)
- C. Discipline yourself to think only about what will help** and not hinder your forward progress.

“To  **dwell in thought on the material**, when once you live in Me, **is to call it into being**. So you must be careful **only to think of and desire that which will help**, not hinder, your spiritual growth. The same law operates too on the spiritual plane. **Think Love**, and Love surrounds you, and all about whom you think. **Think thoughts of ill-will** and ill surrounds you, and those about whom you think. **Think health** – health comes. **The physical reflects the mental and spiritual.** (*God Calling*, January 20)

- D. Stop listening to and heeding the criticism coming from your own mind.** (Video clip)

- E. Become aware of the depth of your feelings and emotional response** to certain thoughts. The stronger the emotion, whether its positive or negative, the more powerful and rapid the response to bring to pass that which you are thinking.

**Job 3:25** “For the thing which I **greatly** feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.” (KJV)



- F. Forget the past. Be here now, and plan for the future.**

**Isaiah 43:18-19** “**Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.** See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.” (NIV)

- G. Trust God and think positive.**

“**Turn out all thoughts of doubt and of trouble.** Never tolerate them for one second. Bar the windows and doors of your souls against them as you would bar your home against a thief who would steal in to take your treasures. What greater treasures can you have than Peace and Rest and Joy? **And these are all stolen from you by doubt and fear and despair.**

**Face each day with Love and Laughter.** Face the storm. Joy, Peace, Love, My great gifts. Follow Me to find all three. I want you to feel the thrill of protection and safety now. Any soul can feel this in a harbour, but real joy and victory come to those alone who sense these when they ride a storm. **Say ‘all is well.’** Say it not as a vain repetition. Use it as you use a healing balm for cut or wound, until the poison is drawn out; *then*, until the sore is healed; *then* until the thrill of fresh life floods your being. **All is well.”** (*God Calling*, May 12)

**H. Identify, document and repeat affirming thoughts** that you want to instill in your subconscious mind.

**Joshua 1:8** “This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein **day and night . . .**” (KJV)

**Psalms 1:2-3** “But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate **day and night**. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; **and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.”** (KJV)



**I. Try not to judge other people.**

**“Never judge. The heart of man is so delicate, so complex, only its Maker can know it.** Each heart is so different, actuated by different motives, controlled by different circumstances, influenced by different sufferings. **How can one judge of another?** Leave to Me the unraveling of the puzzles of life. Leave to me the teaching of understanding. Bring each heart to Me, its Maker, and leave it with Me. Secure in the certainty that all that is wrong I can set right.” (*God Calling*, May 13)



“Your motives and aspirations can only be understood by those who have attained the same spiritual level. So do not vainly, foolishly, expect from others understanding. **Do not misjudge them for not giving it.** Yours is a foreign language to them.” (*God Calling*, May 14)

**J. For Graduate School Christian students only.**

Since so many of our thoughts and habitual ways of thinking are anchored in “self”, it would be helpful if there were some convenient way to rid ourselves of “self.” The release of error prone thought patterns would be facilitated if we could somehow dispatch with “self” and get on with our lives. In this context, the following is suggested.

**“Self dethroned – that is the lesson,** but in its place put Love for Me, knowledge of Me.



**Self, not only dethroned, but dead. A dead self is not an imprisoned self.** An imprisoned self is more potent to harm. **In all training** – (in Mine of you, and in yours of others) – **let self die.**

But for each blow to the life of self you must at the same time embrace and **hold fast the new Life, Life with Me.**

**It is not a dead self that men have to fear, but a thwarted, captive imprisoned self.** That self is infinitely more **self-centered** than the self allowed full play. But to you, My children, I teach **a higher science-law than even freedom of the self. I teach death to the self. No repressions, just death.** Petty self life exchanged for Divine Life.

And now I can make more clear to you what I would say about forgiveness of injuries. It is one of My commands that as you seek My forgiveness, so you must forgive. But what you do not see is that you, **the self in you, can never forgive injuries. The very thought of them means self in the foreground,** then the injury, instead of appearing less, appears greater.

No, My children, as all true Love is *of* God, and is God, so all true forgiveness is of God and is God. **The self cannot forgive. Kill self.**

Cease trying to forgive those who fretted or wronged you. It is a mistake to think about it. **Aim at killing the self now – in your daily life, and then, and not until then, you will find there is nothing that even remembers injury, because the only one injured, the self, is dead.** As long as it recurs to your mind you deceive yourself if you think it forgiven. Forgiving injuries can be one way of feeding a self-life. Many deceive themselves in this.” (*God Calling*, May 3)



## VII. Close. A better way.

**“There is a better way. Come to Me. Let Me in. Allow Me to love you.** You were born for this. You crave love, you crave affirmation, you crave acceptance and I am here to give you all those things and more. I know you, for I formed you. I am here to give you what you need, **but you must surrender and let me in.** Allow Me to walk with you and talk with you. Allow Me to enjoy you, for **you are a delight to Me.** Allow Me to brush away your yesterdays with all of their sorrows, hardships and loneliness. Draw near to Me and I will draw near to you, for you are My sunshine. You make Me happy when skies are gray. You are Mine and I am Yours. I bought you and I am here for you to love you and care for you. The things that matter to you matter to Me. **I care about you like no one on this earth cares**



**for you. Trust Me. Let Me in. Let Me love you. Let Me come closer.** Allow Me to love you – it is the desire of My heart and the reason I died. **No longer allow your poor self-image or guilt or self-condemnation to keep you from Me.** To do so would be shameful. **Lay aside every negative thought of yourself** and take up the truth that you might give Me the desire of My heart. **My thoughts about you are good—every one of them.** I cannot think evil of you, for that is Satan’s way and I never partner with darkness. I am good and **My thoughts are always good toward you,** for I see you through the cross where you were glorified. Rest in the truth and **reject negative thoughts about yourself,** for you are My beloved bride. What lovesick Husband would ever think evil of His bride to be? I am lovesick. I am longing for the day when the Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come, Lord Jesus, Come!’ **So, draw near and allow Me to love you into who you were created to be and that is the bride of My dreams.”**

(Prophetic word given to the body of Christ through Rhonda Calhoun)

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