

Dear Pappy

Can you give me an example of taking a "good thought into captivity?" Is this the same as meditation upon God's Word?

Dear Megan,

Here is the answer to your question?

Yes! Meditation on God's Word is the source and it involves things pertaining to me. Everyone is different so I must be myself.

When I get a good thought, whether it is a scripture or a principle of life, I write it down. Then I have that thought in my captivity. It becomes part of my notes in my recall database.

I review my notes as a source of inspiration. Some are deep in the pile. Some I keep in front of me on my desk. The one I like that is up there now is:

My Best Investment, by far, is Bible Knowledge. Then I started a list for my own viewing.

1. It pays dividends every day.
2. It is diversified and covers all my needs.
3. Diversification is protection against ignorance.
4. It quiets my soul.
- 5. I can never throw my stone so I drop it.**
6. I can love like I will never be hurt.
7. Preparation in Bible knowledge makes you spontaneous in action.
8. You know what you know is the Word of God and can act quickly.
9. Develop thought filled words to create a need for more Bible Knowledge.
10. Develop a hunger for the Bible then Bible knowledge just shows up.

This I refer to as my Recall Database.

There is no end. This I will enjoy the rest of my life.

Lamentations 3:21. This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.

22. It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.
23. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.
24. The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.
25. The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.
26. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.
27. It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.
28. He sitteth alone and keepeth silence, because he hath borne it upon him.
29. He putteth his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope.

Verse 21 is the rule - this I recall to mind therefore have I hope.

Verse 27 means - learn this when you are young. You can use it for a longer life.

Verse 28 means - do not destroy your hope by complaining.

Verse 29 means - if it is natural for you to complain put dust in your mouth and keep your hope.

Thank you Megan for your email. Many will benefit from it.

I love You.

I am proud of you!

I am Pappy, your Dad's Dad