

## **AA25. Focusing Our Thoughts on Things that Are Godly.**

*We are to focus our thoughts on things that are godly.*

*AA25a We are to focus our thoughts on things that are true.*

*AA25b We are to focus our thoughts on things that are noble.*

*AA25c We are to focus our thoughts on things that are righteous.*

*AA26d We are to focus our thoughts on things that are pure.*

*AA26e We are to focus our thoughts on things that are wholesome.*

*AA26f We are to focus our thoughts on things that are loveable.*

*AA26g We are to focus our thoughts on things that are praiseworthy.*

*AA26h We are to focus our thoughts on things that are from God's perspective.*

*AA26i We are to focus our thoughts on things that are of the Spirit.*

*AA26j We are to focus our thoughts on things that are eternal.*

*AA26k We are to focus our thoughts on things that obey Messiah.*

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

### **Key New Testament Scriptures**

#### Mark 8:33

*But, turning around and looking at his talmidim, he rebuked Kefa. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said, "For your thinking is from a human perspective, not from God's perspective!"*

#### Romans 8:5-6

*For those who identify with their old nature set their minds on the things of the old nature, but those who identify with the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. Having one's mind controlled by the old nature is death, but having one's mind controlled by the Spirit is life and shalom.*

#### 2 Corinthians 10:5

*.. and every arrogance that raises itself up against the knowledge of God; we take every thought captive and make it obey the Messiah.*

#### Philippians 4:8

*In conclusion, brothers, focus your thoughts on what is true, noble, righteous, pure, lovable or admirable, on some virtue or on something praiseworthy. (Phi 4:8 CJB)*

#### 2 Peter 3:1

*Dear friends, I am writing you now this second letter; and in both letters I am trying to arouse you to wholesome thinking by means of reminders;*

### **Additional New Testament Scriptures**

#### 2 Corinthians 4:18

Galatians 5:19  
Ephesians 4:19  
Philippians 1:10-11  
Colossians 3:5  
1 Thessalonians 5:20-21  
James 3:17  
1 John 3:3  
Revelation 21:27

### **Related New Testament Mitzvot**

AA01 Aspiring to Godliness and Holiness  
AA06 Keeping Our Minds from Causing Our Bodies to Sin  
AA16 Not Contemplating How to Gratify Sinful Desires  
GB44 Exercising Self Control (Discipline)

### **Supportive Tanakh Scriptures**

Psalms 19:15(14)

*May the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be acceptable in your presence, ADONAI, my Rock and Redeemer.*

Psalms 119:15

*I will meditate on your precepts and keep my eyes on your ways.*

Psalms 139:23

*Examine me, God, and know my heart; test me, and know my thoughts.*

Ecclesiastes 10:20

*Don't insult the king, not even in your thoughts; and don't insult the wealthy, not even in your bedroom; for a bird in the air might carry the news, a creature with wings might repeat what you said.*

### **Comment**

Ungodly thoughts that are uninvited are not in themselves sinful, but intentionally holding on to such thoughts (e.g. for prurient reasons) is. To assist us in not falling into sin, Scripture lists for us godly thoughts upon which we are to focus, and ungodly thoughts we are to suppress.

### **Related Mitzvot in Volumes 1 & 2**

H4 Using Our Speech, Thoughts, Hearts, and Actions for That which is Good and Holy