

Lesson 14 – Treatment 6

The Implanted Truth

Read the Scripture verses below and then answer the questions that follow on a separate sheet of paper. If you believe this lesson would be helpful to others you know, feel free to share it with them.

Romans 1:20-25 “For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles. Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.”

The Truth of God has been made clear through His creation. As part of His creation, the Truth of God is clearly expressed in us. In spite of being surrounded by truth, our thinking can become futile. In our first lesson, we learned about thinking errors, the things we tell ourselves to make wrong things seem right. How could we ever exchange the truth for a lie unless we started with the truth?

EVERY PERVERSION IS JUST THE WRONG VERSION OF THE RIGHT THING WHICH IS ALREADY IN YOU!

Romans 2:14-15 “Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts sometimes accusing them and at other times even defending them.”

How did the requirements of the law get written on the hearts of Gentiles? Who did the writing?

We can start with God's implanted truth and then over-ride His truth with lies (thinking errors). Free will starts with our thinking. Everything starts with a thought! Anytime we act rudely to someone, speak disrespectfully to others, violate trusts, even those things we do "without thinking", we've already thought about. When we believe a lie we drown out the truth that cry's to us from the Fathers' heart.

The saying goes that “we’re only as sick as our secrets.” We all have inappropriate thoughts, this is why the Bible tells us to take every thought captive and filter it through the mind of Christ. In doing so we will have right thoughts and right actions to follow.

Another common phrase is one about people “talking before thinking”

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1. How many times have you bragged to others about your deviant thought life?
2. Before your arrest, how many people did you brag to about your crime?
 - a. If you did, what kind of people were they?
3. When others are transparent (open and honest about their issues and what they are doing about them), how does it make you feel? Why?
4. How often have you told yourself (or others) when you've done something wrong, "I just wasn't thinking?"
 - a. In light of this study, when you find yourself wanting to say, "I just wasn't thinking," what will you say instead?
 - b. What tools can you think of that will help you get to the real truth behind doing wrong? (No flowery religion here, let's get real.)