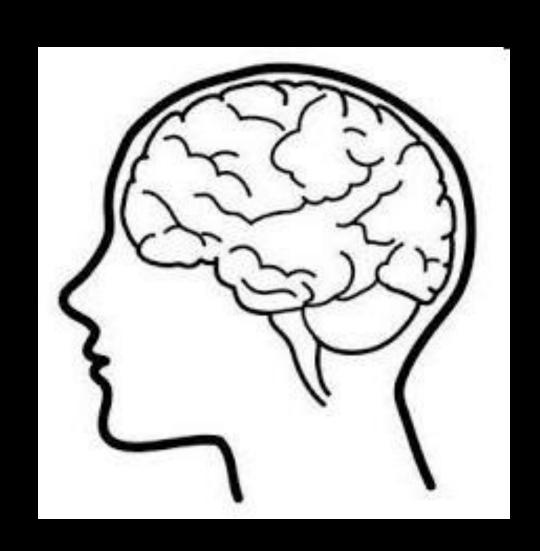
### How Does Your Mind Work?



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### Here is an <u>bad</u> example:

Gen 6:5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Gen 6:6 And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

### mind

The ability for rational thought. The ability to be aware of things. The ability to remember things. The ability to focus the thoughts. Judgment, opinion, or view. Desire, inclination, or intention. A healthy mental state.

### mind

The mind is a process of the brain. ???

The non-material substance or set of processes in which consciousness, perception, affectivity, judgement, thinking, and will are based.

The mind is more than just a brain and biological processes.

It has ability and thoughts.

We can control our thoughts (noun) and our thinking (verb) to some degree, but not completely.

Dan 5:1 Belshazzar the king held a great feast for a thousand of his nobles, and he was drinking wine in the presence of the thousand.

Dan 5:2 When Belshazzar tasted the wine, he gave orders to bring the gold and silver vessels which Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem, in order that the king and his nobles, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them.

Dan 5:3 Then they brought the gold vessels that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God which was in Jerusalem; and the king and his nobles, his wives, and his concubines drank from them.

Dan 5:4 They drank the wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

Dan 5:5 Suddenly the fingers of a man's hand emerged and began writing opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, and the king saw the back of the hand that did the writing.

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If this man could control his own thoughts, why would he be alarmed about about what he thought?

Our mind is affected by external events as well as internal processes.

We have limited ability to control what we think.

We are responsible for how we use our ability to control our thinking. - Behave yourself!

Mat 5:27 "You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY'; Mat 5:28 but I say to you, that everyone who looks on a woman to lust for her has committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Jas 1:12 Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. Jas 1:13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone.

Jas 1:14 But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Jas 1:15 Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

It is not sinful to incidentally see a woman in an inappropriate context.

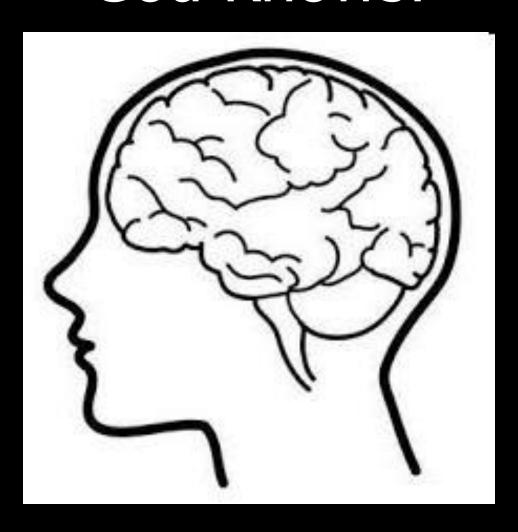
It is not even sinful to have a fleeting thought about the situation. We can't fully control our thoughts.

It <u>is</u> sinful to continue to think about it!

Jas 1:16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

Jas 1:17 Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation, or shifting shadow.

# How Does Your Mind Work? God Knows!



Psa 94:11 The LORD knows the thoughts of man, That they are a mere breath.

Eze 11:5 Then the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and He said to me, "Say, 'Thus says the LORD, "So you think, house of Israel, for I know your thoughts.

1Ch 28:9 "As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a whole heart and a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever.

Isa 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; And let him return to the LORD, And He will have compassion on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.

Isa 55:8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Neither are your ways My ways," declares the LORD.

Isa 55:9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

Mat 9:2 And behold, they were bringing to Him a paralytic, lying on a bed; and Jesus seeing their faith said to the paralytic, "Take courage, My son, your sins are forgiven." Mat 9:3 And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This fellow blasphemes."

Mat 9:4 And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, "Why are you thinking evil in your hearts?

Mat 9:5 "For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, and walk'?

Mat 9:6 "But in order that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"--then He said to the paralytic--"Rise, take up your bed, and go home."

Mat 9:7 And he rose, and went home.

Mat 9:8 But when the multitudes saw this, they were filled with awe, and glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

God knows our thoughts.

Jesus knows our thoughts.

Their thoughts are higher than our thoughts.

They know better than us what is best for our mind!

1Co 2:7 ...we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom, which God predestined before the ages to our glory; 1Co 2:8 the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory; 1Co 2:9 but just as it is written, "THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND which HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."

1Co 2:10 For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. 1Co 2:11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man, which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.

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1Co 2:13 which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words. 1Co 2:14 But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. 1Co 2:15 But he who is spiritual appraises

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It is affected by spirit.

Rom 8:5 For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

Rom 8:6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace,

Rom 8:7 because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so;

Rom 8:8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Rom 8:9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

Rom 8:10 And if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. Rom 8:11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.

Rom 8:13 for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Rom 8:14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Rom 8:15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

The spirit affects the mind.

The mind affects the spirit.



Matthew 12:43 "Now when the unclean spirit goes out of a man, it passes through waterless places, seeking rest, and does not find it.

- 44 "Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came'; and when it comes, it finds it unoccupied, swept, and put in order.
- <sup>45</sup> "Then it goes, and takes along with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. That is the way it will also be with this

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What will you fill your house with?

What will you fill your mind with?



Rom 12:2 ...do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

#### dwell (verb)

To live; to reside.
To linger (on) a particular thought, idea etc.; to remain fixated (on).
To be in a given state.
To abide; to remain; to continue.



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### Will you fill your mind with garbage?

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Joh 14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. Joh 14:2 "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.

Joh 14:3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

## Will your soul be ready for those mansions bright?

