

DEFINING IMPERATIVES 1

Change the Way You Think

GOD'S WAY

There's a way that _____ to life, but we tend to do it our _____ way,
_____ God's & wonder _____ we get into a _____.

The BIG IDEA

The New Testament is full of 'Defining Imperatives' → _____ that
spell out the _____ that constitute _____.
Maturity & fruitfulness come from _____ & _____
these defining imperatives.

Today's DEFINING IMPERATIVE = Romans 12:2

- * A transformed _____ begins with a transformed _____.
- * Thinking _____ to the _____ tends to result in lives
characterised by its _____ of _____.
- * We need to _____ distorted thinking patterns & _____
God's truth.

GOSPEL GRAMMAR

DIs are not _____ standards imposed by a _____
God who demands _____ & leaves us to sink or swim.

- * His _____ & _____ make obedience
_____ (2 Peter 1:3-4).
- * Without the indicative of grace, the imperative quickly becomes
_____ & _____.
- * Grace _____ us to do what His Word _____.

The MECHANICS: How exactly do I do it?

1. _____ the Word (Josh 1:6-9)
 - * As the Word _____, it begins to _____ how you
think (John 8:32, Eph 5:26, John 15:3, 17:17, Rom 10:17, 1 Jn 2:14, Pr 4:20-22)
2. _____ your thoughts (2 Cor 10:5)
 - * Filtering determines what gets _____ in our thought life (Pr 4:23)
3. _____ your mind on _____ (Phil 4:8, Col 3:1-2)
 - * _____ feeding _____; _____ relentlessly feeding _____.
 - * Only _____ to the good, godly, holy, true

WHAT 'Wrong Thinking?'

1. **The Lie:** I _____ = Mindset of _____
The Truth ... WHAT does Word say? = Phil 4:13, 2 Cor 3:5
The Renewed Mind = I don't have to _____ on my _____ strength
... God can _____ me for what He _____ me to do
The Response = Stop _____ yourself
... Trust _____ strength & take the _____ step
2. **The Lie:** It's _____ = Mindset of _____
The Truth ... WHAT does Word say? = Luke 1:37, Zech 4:6
The Renewed Mind = The problem may be _____ than _____;
but it isn't _____ than _____.
The Response = _____ ... _____ ... Take the _____.

The FRUIT

It all starts with what you do with that _____.
New thought-patterns lead to a _____ life.
Renewed thoughts _____ your _____ as you _____ God's
way (Gal 5:22-23, Prov 23:7, Prov 4:23).