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**“Christian Thinking—Can we Control it”?**

Is there a formula ascribed to God’s people to help control their thoughts and thinking process, while living in a corrupt and evil world?

God’s “remnant people” are all familiar with the reason why God destroyed the wicked, antediluvian world with a flood. The imagination of the thoughts of their heart was *evil continually*... the earth was corrupt and filled with violence...<sup>1</sup> This portion of Scripture sounds like most 2015 news media articles broadcasted from any city around the world!

Many of us can probably still recall those often repeated words of our elementary school teachers, when introducing a new lesson or concept, alright class, it’s time to put on **“your thinking caps.”** So how are we, God’s people supposed to control what we

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<sup>1</sup> Gen. 6:6-13

think about? Is it even possible to control our thoughts?

Many might suggest that this is an answer for psychologist and psychiatrists, however, the Bible contains the prescription we need.

What does this mean for us?

## *Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season*

What we watch, on TV, and/or social media, what we hear, and what we read does indeed affect our thinking for good or for evil!

Can you remember one of the first songs taught to Adventists children on Sabbath Morning, by their Sabbath School teachers?

“Oh be careful little eyes what you see, oh be careful little eyes what you see, for there’s a Father up above, and He’s looking down with love, oh be careful little eyes what you see.” The second verse repeats the same words and uses another one of our senses “**ears**” instead of eyes. This song is also

applicable to mature Christians in a more serious sense!

### Counsel from God's inspired messenger

“God has given us the power of choice; it is ours to exercise. We cannot change our hearts, we cannot control our thoughts, our impulses, our affections. We cannot make ourselves pure, fit for God’s service. But we can choose to serve God, we can give him our will and to do according to His good pleasure. Thus our whole nature will be brought under the control of Christ,” {Emphasis provided}.<sup>2</sup>

In a previous issue of TPT I listed one of my favorite texts to help in time of spiritual need, especially when our minds become inundated with wrong, {evil} thinking, present, past or future.

“Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good

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<sup>2</sup> E. G. White. The Ministry of Healing, 1905, p. 176.

report; if there be any virtue and there be any praise, think on these things.” Philippians 4:8

Majority of all wrong thoughts begins with **covetousness...**

Eve **coveted** the wisdom Satan offered, to know good from evil... <sup>3</sup>

The children of Israel **coveted** a king like the heathen nations around them... <sup>4</sup>

David **coveted** Uriah’s wife, Bathsheba... <sup>5</sup>

Satan **coveted** God’s position, and desired to be worshipped... <sup>6</sup>

My good friends as we chose to dress with the righteousness of Jesus, while feeding on His Word, **He will consume all of our thoughts.** “God is indeed our refuge and strength, a very present help in the time of trouble”! <sup>7</sup>



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<sup>3</sup> Gen. 3:5, 6.

<sup>4</sup> I Sam. 8:1-20.

<sup>5</sup> II Sam. 11:1-17

<sup>6</sup> Isa. 14:12-14; Matt. 4:8, 9

<sup>7</sup> Psalms 46:1

