

Actionable Thoughts! Manifest Freedom and Fulfillment

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Introduction: Every day, our thoughts shape our words, actions, and ultimately, our destiny. Some thoughts trap us in cycles of frustration, while others lead us down destructive paths. But God's Word gives us ****actionable thoughts****—truths that guarantee ****freedom, fulfillment, and success****.

1. The pathway of destruction
2. Changing your mind changes your actions!
3. Truths that manifest Freedom and Fulfillment!

1. The pathway of destruction

A. Life under the kingdom of darkness

Ephesians 2:1 NKJV *And you **He** made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² in which you once walked according to the ^[a]course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³ among whom also **we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.***

B. Living self-deceived

Proverbs 21:2 *Every way of a man is right in his own eyes; but the LORD pondereth the hearts.*

Proverbs 21:2 (NLT) *"People may be right in their own eyes, but the LORD examines their heart."* This verse emphasizes that while individuals may believe they are doing right, the ultimate judgment comes from God, who evaluates the motives behind actions.

Proverbs 14:12 (KJV) *There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.*

Proverbs 14:12 (NLT) *"There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death."* This verse emphasizes the importance of careful consideration and discernment in one's choices, warning against the dangers of following wrong paths.

C. The destruction of double-mindedness

James 1:5 NKJV *If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.*

D. Hearing Without Obeying

James 1:22 NLT *But don't just listen to God's word. **You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.** ²³ For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. ²⁴ You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like.*

E. Stinking Thinking

James 3:14 NKJV *But if you have bitter envy and ^[h]self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. ¹⁵ This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.*

F. Foolish friends will drag you down

Proverbs 13:20 *He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.*

"Stay free from borrowed hurt" Example: Hearing an evil report and picking up another's offence.

2. Changing your mind changes your actions!

A. Renew you mind – Your mind is not born again.

Romans 12:2 *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

Ephesians 5:26 *That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,*

B. Speak God's Word in faith

2 Corinthians 4:13 *We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak*

C. God's promises make you partakers of His Nature!

2 Peter 1:4 *Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

D. Act on God's Word – Freedom follows!

James 1:25 NLT *But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.*

John 8:31 *Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; ³² And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

3. Truths that manifest Freedom and Fulfillment!

A. Persist until you prevail

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B. Live with bold confidence!

Hebrews 10:35 NLT *So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you! ³⁶ Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised. ³⁷ "For in just a little while, the Coming One will come and not delay. ³⁸ And **my righteous ones will live by faith.** But I will take no pleasure in anyone who turns away." ³⁹ But we are not like those who turn away from God to their own destruction. **We are the faithful ones, whose souls will be saved.***

C. Turn every conflict into a conquest!

2 Corinthians 4:15 NLT *All of this is for your benefit. And as God's grace reaches more and more people, there will be great thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory. ¹⁶ That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are^[e] being renewed every day. ¹⁷ **For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!** ¹⁸ So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.*

D. Screen test for wisdom

James 3:17 NKJV *But the wisdom that is from above is **first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.** ¹⁸ Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.*

Action plan:

- 1. Audit Your Thoughts – Are they aligned with God's Word?**
- 2. Replace Lies with Truth – Speak Scripture over your life daily.**
- 3. Cut Off Toxic Influences – Surround yourself with wise, faith-filled people.**
- 4. Act in Faith – Obedience unlocks blessing.**

Today, decide: Will you keep cycling in defeat or step into God's success?

Worship God through your First-Fruits, Tithes, Offerings and Sacrifices:

Proverbs 3:5 *Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. ⁶ In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. ⁷ Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. ⁸ It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. ⁹ **Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:** ¹⁰ So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine*