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Search me O God and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts:
And see if there be any wicked way in me and lead me in the way
everlasting. Psalm 139, 23, 24.

Recently I heard about accomplished young men from good Christian homes, totally confused in their thinking and always preoccupied with some thought or the other distracting them from the right track. "Thought" area is the least discussed topic though it is the most important. Sin does not begin with the act of sinning i.e. Eve biting the apple, but at the very moment she decided to eat. See how crucial your thoughts are! Dr.Ravi Zacharias warns in one of his wonderful messages to draw a line not where one acts but at the very point of thinking itself.

Today when we look around the world is filled with trash and they come in such colours that we gaze and gaze somehow allowing them to enter inside. How often do we check the contents of our mind? What preoccupies our mind? Thoughts which seem so harmless may become very dangerous. The mind is the main battlefield. So you should be careful what you feed inside. Another important truth is that we cannot control our minds though New Age philosophers say that. Either we submit our thoughts willingly, captive and obedient to Christ or the world can assault our mind with ugly and grotesque fantasies. It is a choice which you should individually make. Read the verse above and make it your prayer too. Allow the Lord to inspect your thoughts and weed out what is damaging. Confess the verse below

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, we have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God and WE TAKE CAPTIVE EVERY THOUGHT TO MAKE IT OBEDIENT TO CHRIST. II Cor 10.3-5. (Memorize it)

To make your heart pure hide verses in your heart. Psalm 119:9, 11. The more you fill your heart with verses the more evil thoughts will leave you. When someone wants to argue about your faith DO NOT

ARGUE. If they are genuinely interested then share what the Lord has done for you. Show them that Jesus is so very real and alive for you. Speak the verses that is the only weapon of offense the Bible arms us with.

If you have problem with fantasizing or thinking ideas which are not real ask the Lord to help you and be honest about your desire. If Jesus Christ could free Paul from this body of death (Romans 7, 24), He could do the same to you. Submit your thoughts to Him and He will deliver you.

Lord we willingly lay our minds before you, try them test them, purify them and out of our minds may your living water issue forth. In Jesus name, Amen