

LOVE
Without Hypocrisy
 (in the book of Romans)

36 – Issues Related to the Mind

Romans 12:16

Live in harmony with one another.
 Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position.
 Do not be conceited.

Romans 12:16 (NIV)

A focus on our attitude and mind.

Some other translations...

Be of the same **mind** one toward another.
Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate.
 Be not **wise** in your own conceits.

Romans 12:16 (KJV)

Be of the same **mind** toward one another; do not be haughty in **mind**, but associate with the lowly.
 Do not be **wise** in your own estimation.

Romans 12:16 (NASB)

A focus on our attitude and mind.

Live in harmony with one another.
Romans 12:16a (NIV)
 → Be "same-minded."

Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position.
Romans 12:16b (NIV)
 → Don't be "arrogant-minded."

Do not be conceited.
Romans 12:16c (NIV)
 → Don't be "wise-minded" in yourself.
 (= With a negative connotation.)

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WE'RE ALL EQUAL UNDER GOD.

IN THAT CASE, WE NEED TO TREAT EACH OTHER AS EQUAL!

WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER!

RIGHT ATTITUDE!

Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position.
Romans 12:16b (NIV)
 → Don't be "arrogant-minded."

I'M A LOT MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE REST OF YOU.

YOU CAN SIT ON THE FLOOR... IN THE BACK OF THE ROOM!

WRONG ATTITUDE!

Do not be conceited.
Romans 12:16c (NIV)
 Don't be "wise-minded" in yourself.
 (= With a negative connotation.)

WRONG ATTITUDE!

I'M GOD'S SPECIAL GIFT TO THE REST OF YOU!

YOU COULDN'T SURVIVE WITHOUT ME!

TODAY: Clarifying an important issue:



IN THE BIBLE, "MIND" AND "HEART" ARE NOT OPPOSITE OR CONTRADICTORY CONCEPTS!

★ In most cases, "MIND" is just one aspect of "HEART"! ★
 - and it's an *important* aspect -

THE "HEART" IS THE GENERAL WORD USED FOR...

All aspects of a person's "inner life."

- ✓ Emotions and desires.
- ✓ Thinking, knowledge.
- ✓ Exercising the will.
- ✓ Motives and intentions.
- ✓ Moral character.
- ✓ Wisdom and folly.

-- [And more.] --

"HEART" – All aspects of a person's "inner life."

> **AT TIMES**, a concept may be emphasized or described separately.

Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your **heart**, all your **soul**, and all your **mind**."
Matthew 22:37 (NLT)

And all the churches will know that I am he who searches **mind** and **heart**, ...
Rev 2:23b (ESV)

> **BUT USUALLY**, there is no clear distinction between "heart" and these other words/concepts.

The HEART may contain

DESIRES

Delight yourself in the Lord;
 And He will give you the **desires** of your **heart**.
Psalm 37:4 (NASB)

The HEART may contain

THE EXERCISE OF ONE'S WILL

But when Pharaoh saw that there was a respite [from the plague], he **hardened** his **heart** and would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.
Exodus 8:15 (ESV)

The HEART may contain

MORAL CHARACTER

May the Lord direct your **hearts** into God's **love**, and into the **perseverance** of Christ.

2 Thes. 3:5 (WEB)

But my people have **stubborn** and **rebellious hearts**.

Jeremiah 5:23a (NLT)

The HEART may contain

FEELINGS AND EMOTIONS

Each **heart** knows its own **bitterness**, and no one else can fully share its **joy**.

Proverbs 14:10 (NLT)

Let not your **hearts** be **troubled**, neither let them be **afraid**.

John 14:27b (ESV)

The HEART may contain

KNOWLEDGE

I pray also that the eyes of your **heart** may be enlightened in order that you may **know** the hope to which he has called you, ...

Ephes. 1:18a (NIV)

The HEART may contain

THOUGHTS AND INTENTIONS

For the word of God is ... able to judge the **thoughts** and **intentions** of the **heart**.

Hebrews 4:12 (NASB)

The HEART may contain

EVIL THOUGHTS

And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, "Why are you **thinking evil** in your **hearts**?"

Matthew 9:4 (NASB)

"For out of the **heart** come **evil thoughts**,..."

Matthew 15:19a (NASB)

The HEART may contain

WISDOM AND FOLLY

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a **heart** of **wisdom**.

Psalms 90:12 (NIV)

Folly is bound up in the **heart** of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him.

Proverbs 22:15 (NIV)

? WHY?

EMPHASIZE THIS CONNECTION

BETWEEN **?** "HEART" AND "MIND"?

HERE ARE TWO OF THE REASONS:

- ✓ The world tends to treat these concepts as "opposites."
(The world lies to us, and tries to get us to forget what Scripture teaches.)
↳ They want us to turn off our MINDS!]
- ✓ What we do with our **mind** is an important aspect of what is in our **heart**.

ROMANS 12:16 GIVES US A LOT OF GUIDANCE FOR OUR MINDS.

-Live in harmony with one another.

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Romans 12:16 (NIV)

Be "same-minded."
Don't be "arrogant-minded."
Don't be "wise-minded" in yourself.

Romans 12:16

- ✓ It shows us how our mind is to influence our interaction with other people.

WHAT WE DO WITH THIS "MIND" VERSE WILL INFLUENCE THE REST OF OUR "HEART."

Your Mission...

PREPARE YOUR "HEART"
For what this "MIND" verse teaches us!

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Your Mission...

"Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position.

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Romans 12:16

The "Mind" Words of ROMANS 12:16.

Since the "mind" is just one aspect of the Bible's concept of "heart," what we do with our *mind* will affect all the other dimensions of the *heart*.

★ *The N.T. (Greek) words used in v. 16 focus on the "mind," and are related to a variety of other words - all of which have an effect on our "heart."* ★

Here are some EXAMPLES:

CONCEPTS OFTEN REGARDED AS BENEFICIAL OR UPLIFTING

- **CHEERFUL, JOYFUL** (a mind focused on pleasant thoughts): When it's good, it's from God (Acts 14:17); it can be sinful, if God is ignored (example - Luke 12:19-21); the wicked might rejoice in wicked things, but the righteous rejoice in righteous things (compare Revelation 11:10 to Revelation 12:12; 18:20).
- **HARMONY, UNITY** (being "same-minded"): We must seek to live in harmony with others (1 Peter 3:8).
- **HUMILITY** (low-minded about one's self): We need it (1 Peter 5:5b); it's part of following Jesus (Colossians 3:12; Ephesians 4:1-2; Philippians 2:1-3); no value if fake (Colossians 2:18, 23).

- **SELF-CONTROL, RIGHT THINKING** (a mind with sound, healthy thinking): We need it (1 Peter 4:7), especially when evaluating ourselves (Romans 12:3b); it's from God (2 Timothy 1:7; Titus 2:11-12); required by all: leaders (1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:8); men (Titus 2:2, 6); women (Titus 2:4-5; 1 Timothy 2:9).

CONCEPTS OFTEN REGARDED AS DETRIMENTAL OR DEBILITATING

- **FOLLY** (not using one's mind, lacking wisdom): It originates in the heart (Mark 7:21-22); result: corrupt values (Luke 11:40).
- **DESPISE** (having low, "downward" thoughts): You can't serve two masters, but will despise one of them (Matthew 6:24; Luke 16:13); examples of what we are *not* to despise (Romans 2:4; 1 Corinthians 11:22; Matthew 18:10; 1 Timothy 4:12; 6:2); apostates often despise authority (2 Peter 2:10).
- **INSANITY** ("beside" one's mind): God used a donkey to restrain a false prophet's madness (2 Peter 2:15-16)!
- **DISREGARD, IGNORE** (a mind focused elsewhere): Titus' authority was not to be ignored (Titus 2:15).
- **INFLATED THINKING** (thinking "above" what is accurate): Don't have an inflated opinion about yourself (Romans 12:3a).
- **ARROGANT** (being high-minded): To the rich: Don't be arrogant, or put your trust in your riches (1 Timothy 6:17).
- **DECEIVED** (a mind affected by false thinking): Warnings about deceiving and being deceived (Galatians 6:3; Titus 1:10).

SOME ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ABOUT THINKING AND THE MIND

- The way you think (your values, etc.) will determine your eternal destiny (Romans 8:6-7). [But don't forget this!]
- Good thinking comes from God (Ephesians 1:7-8).
- We have an obligation to think and act in ways that are right and beneficial (1 Corinthians 14:20; Titus 3:8).