

# **THINK DIFFERENTLY**

## **Part 3: Thinking In The Light**

### **THOUGHT RENOVATION (Romans 12:2 NIV)**

#### **A. The world; Indicates a mindset that does not acknowledge God**

1. Places all the emphasis on man (isolated)
2. Self absorbed - selfish, all about me (scarcity mentality)
3. Heavily influenced by fear

#### **B. Thought renovation; Bringing God into our thoughts and mindset**

1. Reduces the emphasis on man - we're not alone
2. Not self-absorbed - abundance mentality
3. Replaces fear with faith - both deal with the unseen

### **THE DARK / LIGHT CONTRAST IN THINKING**

#### **A. Thoughts in the dark (negative progression) (Numbers 13:30-14:4 NIV)**

1. We can not do this
2. The people are stronger - assessment was made without any experience
3. It's a violent place - eats up people living there
4. Everyone is bigger and stronger and we look like grasshoppers - exaggerations
5. God brought us out here to kill us and our families

#### **B. Thoughts in the light (Numbers 14:6-9 NIV)**

1. They already had stated "we can do this, let's go now"
2. The Lord can bring us into this land - immediately went to God's involvement
3. Did not exaggerate the positives or problems
4. Don't go against what God has said - and don't fear these people
5. The reason not to be afraid - the Lord is with us

### **LEARNING TO THINK IN THE LIGHT**

#### **A. Stream God's light into our lives (Psalm 119:130 NKJV)**

1. Not a religious activity with no meaning
2. God's word has the ability to elevate our thinking, our outlook on life

#### **B. Give God the greater place (Romans 1:21 NIV)**

1. Glorify: to recognize, honor, give esteem, make a big deal out of
2. But what about God? - asking this question factors Him in

#### **C. Give God thanks**

1. One of the most powerful ways to stay connected and keep our thoughts in the light
2. Give God thanks for what He has done
3. Give God thanks for His help and involvement going forward