



HEAD TRIPS

Part Three: "A Loving Mind"

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Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." Matthew 22:37 (NIV)

► A renewed _____ frees us to _____ as God intended us to love.

A NATURAL MIND IS AN _____ MIND

Genesis 4:1-15: The awful condition of Cain's mind:

- Cain did not _____ God (v.3)
- Cain was _____ and _____ (v. 5-7)
- Cain was _____ and _____ (v. 8)
- Cain was _____ (v. 9)
- Cain was filled with _____ (vv. 13-14)

"But I am afraid that...your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ." 2 Corinthians 11:3 (NIV)

A RENEWED MIND IS A _____ MIND

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." 2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV)

"This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel...I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people." Jeremiah 31:33 (NIV)

"Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace..." Romans 8:5-9 (NIV)

A Loving Mind (Cont'd)

Three qualities of a loving mind:

1. A _____ mind

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me." Galatians 2:20 (NASB)

2. A _____ mind

"All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had." Acts 4:32 (NIV)

3. A _____ mind

"If someone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar...The one who loves God should love his brother also." 1 Jn. 4:20-21 (NASB)

FATHER GOD, I want to have a loving mind. Forgive my angry, indifferent, fearful and selfish ways. Jesus, thank you for dying for my sins. Renew my mind, and cleanse me of everything that prevents your love from flowing through me. In Christ's Name, AMEN!

RESOURCES FOR THIS WEEK'S SMALL GROUPS

Icebreaker: Share a memory of a loving person you've known.

Scripture Focus: Let each member share a verse from this teaching--one that spoke to them personally. What does it mean to them?

Discussion Focus: What are some keys to living a life of love?

Prayer Focus: Pray for the members of the group to have their minds renewed and filled with the love of Christ.

REMEMBER to give an offering for the needy in your group this week, for God has promised us a rich reward (Det. 15:11, Psalm 41:1)