

THE FULL FUNCTION OF THE MIND

INTRO.

- I. God has given each one of us a MIND, so we can Remember the Past, Meditate on the Present and to Anticipate the Future.
 - A. This is an extremely broad topic of discussion, that opens many doors of study.
 - B. This touches only the hem of the garment, but may bring to mind other thoughts.
- II. Now let's apply these 3 areas to the "mind" of man.

DISCUSSION

I. **1st, we need to REMEMBER THE PAST.**

- A. We need to remember GOD'S "past" dealings with man.
 1. God has always given commands to be obeyed with consequences for disobedience.
 - a. Adam and Eve. Gen. 2:15-16
 - b. The young prophet. 1 Kings 13:1-24
 2. God has given us the scripture to be followed in life.
 - a. We cannot know the way to live in the present, or to plan for the future, without **His** revelation of the scripture. Jer. 10:23; Prov. 14:12
 - b. The Bible is a perfect guide for man. 2 Tim. 3:16-17
 - c. The Bible gives us hope for the future. Rom. 15:4; 1 Pet.1:3-5
- B. Then, we need to remember OUR personal past.
 1. We came into the world with a sinless soul from God.
 2. We were tempted to sin, and then fell away from God. Rom.3:23; 7:9
 3. We need to remember our demonstration of God's love when we obeyed the truth and were saved. 2 Tim. 3:14-15; Rev. 2:4-5

II. **2nd, we need to MEDITATE ON THE PRESENT.**

- A. We need to think on the message of God. Phil. 4:8; Psa.1:2
- B. We need to think about the dangers and consequences of sin that faces us. 1Pe.5:8
- C. We need to think about our "present" relationship with God.
 1. If we haven't become Christians, we are lost in our sins.
 2. Should death overtake us suddenly or slowly, where will we live eternally?
 - a. Heaven is the eternal place of comfort, joy and peace.
 - b. Hell is the place of eternal pain, suffering and anguish.

III. **3rd, we need to ANTICIPATE THE FUTURE.**

- A. **All** of the past is behind us.
 1. When we repent of our sins and are baptized into Christ, we leave the past behind, and build for the future. Acts 2:38; 22:16
 2. The past, being forgiven, enables us to anticipate the future with joy. Phil. 3:13f
 3. We look forward to the coming of Christ with His eternal reward. Tit. 2:11-13; 2 Pet. 3:12-14
- B. No matter what the past, the future can be bright.

CONCLUSION

- I. What is your present relation with God?
- II. Now is the time to take care of the past, enjoy the present, and look to the future.