

A Sermon Series

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Thinking

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Sow a thought, reap an action; sow an action, reap a habit; sow a habit, reap a character; sow a character, reap a destiny. Ralph Waldo Emerson

Romans 12:2

Don't conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

Nehemiah 1

The words of Nehemiah son of Hakaliah... Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah with some other men and said to me, "Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire." When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. Then I said: "Lord, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments... I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's family, have committed against you... "Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying... 'If you return to me and obey my commands, I will gather you from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name... Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man.'" I was cupbearer to the king.

Nehemiah 6:15-16

So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days. When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God.

Read history and you'll see that the believers who did most for the present were those who thought most of the next. -C.S. Lewis

Cracker Jack Thinking

- 1) _____ your mind (Matthew 4:4)
- 2) _____ your mind (Philippians 4:8)
- 3) _____ your mind (Isaiah 26:3)

Almighty God, You are the great and awesome God of Heaven, the God who keeps his covenant of love with those who love You and keep Your commandments. We confess the sins that we as Americans have committed, including our own sin we have committed against you. Thank You for Your willingness to forgive and to restore. We humbly ask that You save our country and heal our land. In Jesus' Name, Amen.