

Thinking Positive According to the Word

*"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. **Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.** For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:1-3).*

Remember Jesus Christ in your mind (*II Tim. 2:8*), "*whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, **think on these things**" (Philippians 4:8).*

Now, it's a strange thing that this is so much thought of people; they say, "Well, I'm weak; my faith is not very much; I'm not a very good Christian." That's just what the devil wants you to say. You're just talking his language right then. See? **You mustn't never say that. Don't never let your testimony be negative; let it be positive all the time.** "I am saved. I have God in my heart. I believe Him with all my heart." Do you believe in Divine healing? "With all of my heart."

Let your testimony always and your thoughts, everything... **Never permit a negative thought to come in your mind if you can help it.** When it starts that, don't entertain it. Well, you say, "I can't help the thoughts from coming." Well, that'll be like the farmer that said he couldn't stop the birds from flying over his place, but he could sure stop them from roosting." So that's a good thing. You see? You can't help the thoughts when they come, but don't entertain them; just pass it on. "No, sir. **Jesus Christ is my Saviour; all things are mine by God** (*I Cor. 3:23*). And I'm going to keep them. I'm going to testify of them."

And God can only bless you as you confess **that He has done it for you.** See, He's the High Priest of our confession. Is that right? Hebrews 3:1-2. He said that He's the High Priest of our confession (*Hebrews 4:14-16*). **He can only do for us as we accept it, and believe it, and confess it.** [1]

I've seen people come to the platform. I'd say, "Do you believe?" - "Oh, I've got all faith, Brother Branham."

Now, I don't mean to be belittling them. I respect that. But they're supposed to be up here, and here they are way down here. But do you know what it is? **It's hope instead of faith.** Faith does the job right now. Hope hopes for it, but faith is the product (*Heb. 11:1-3*). **Faith really does it.** See, we have lots of hope, but not much faith. So we want to change from hope today **to**

positive faith. And there's only one way we can get positive faith: that's by positive thinking of positive things. [2]

And today, when we believe God with all of our heart and accept His Son, the Lord Jesus, **and God recognizes that faith is true in Him, then He sends back down the Holy Spirit of promise and seals us** until the day of our redemption. My. **That takes all the scare out of all of it. There's no negative thoughts at all in Christianity. Everything is a past tense. It's already finished.**

Healing is not what a man can do. It's what God has done. See? It's a finished work (*John 19:30*). Salvation is not what a man can do, what the Church can do. **It's a finished work, and your faith in that finished work** that Christ completed everything that was brought in the fall, Christ redeemed it back in His atoning death, vicarious suffering at Calvary's cross. And He was put in the grave, and God raised Him up the third day for our justification.

And now we see Him setting at the right hand of God, making intercessions upon our profession. And no matter how much you pray, how much you cry, how much you agonize, how much you do, it'll never be accepted. **God can do nothing for you until first by faith you accept it, and believe it, and confess it.** That's the only way God can act now is when you act first, **'cause He's a High Priest making intercessions on your confession of your faith in His finished work.** I don't believe there's anyone could find fault with that. See? That's the basis of Divine healing. [3]

When you get to think about Divine healing, get to think about Christ... **Keep Him on your mind.** "If there be any praise, if there be any virtue," the Bible says, **"think on these things."** (*Phil. 4:8*).

If any thought comes by, "Well, maybe it couldn't be so. Maybe..." Get it off your mind right quick. **Think on things that's positive. Never let a negative thought pass through.** Don't let it stop, anyhow, if it starts to. **Keep your thoughts positive: Jesus.**

Don't think, setting there in a wheelchair, you, that you're hopeless, helpless. You're not. **Don't let that negative thought ever pass through. Don't let it anchor.** You can't help it from going through your mind (That's right.), but don't let it stop. [4]

I think that's one of the great troubles of the people of this day. **We have too many other things on our mind** (*II Cor. 11:1-3*). Even when we come to a healing service, we seem to think, "Well, I did not get a prayer card tonight." Or perhaps, "I'll not be prayed for." We will never be able to accomplish much as long as we keep those kind of thoughts.

Let's be positive in our thinking. [5]

You hear so much today about positive thinking: you just put your mind on anything, and think positive on it. **The Devil can do that. There's only**

one thing that rules over all, and that's God's Word. If you're thinking contrary to the Word; forget your thinking. Think on the Word! [6]

Well, that's the way the devil does. He brings us down to everything, and shows it so lovely, and will go in and agree with most of the Word of God; but he won't take **all the Word of God**. That's what we've got to do. He'll say, "I believe that there is such a thing as new birth. But what I think it is, is a change of mind."

But it isn't a change of mind; it's a new creature. The church doesn't need a face lifting; it **needs a conversion**. It needs to be a new creature (*II Cor. 5:17*). [7]

Now, when this Holy Spirit, represented as the eagle flying over the land, and finds the believer... "No man can come to Me. No man can come to Me as he wants to. All the Father has given Me will come to Me, but no man can come by himself." **It isn't your own thinking, your own drawing. It's God drawing** (*St. John 6:39,44*). See, see? "All the Father has given Me will come to Me."

Now, the Holy Spirit is here on earth, looking out those individuals that God has ordained to Life in this age (*Acts 13:48*). And as soon as It finds It, It does just like It did on Jesus Christ, the great super Son of God, He who redeemed us all. It comes down and takes Its place of abode into the human life. [8]

In all things, pray. Someone come the other day and said, "Brother Branham, do you think it's wrong to do a certain thing?"

I said, "What are you questioning about?" See? If there's a question in your mind, leave it alone. Don't do it at all. Just stay with that. **When you start to do anything, and if it's a question whether it's right or wrong, stay away from it. Don't go into it at all. Then you know you're right.**

Now, all things ought to be considered prayerfully first. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these other things will be added" (*Matt. 6:33*). I am positive sure if men and women could only get into the position of where their soul, **their thinking, their attitudes would be perfect in the sight of God**, that would be one of the most powerful churches that ever existed. [9]

And you know, **it's usually when we're thinking about God and keeping our minds on God, that God comes close to us.** [5]

"Draw nigh unto Me, and I'll draw nigh unto you," saith the Lord (*James 4:8*). If we could keep our mind off of the things of the world, and so much foolishness that we have no business thinking of, "Let the meditation of my heart be acceptable unto Thee, O Lord" (*Psalms 19:14*).

It was at the first Easter when the two apostles, Cleopas and his friend, were on the road to Emmaus. **As they were talking about Him**, that He

stepped out of the bush and began to talk with them... And then made Himself known to them by performing a miracle, just like He did before His crucifixion. And they hurriedly run back and said, "Truly, the Lord is risen and has appeared to us" (*Luke 24:13-35*).

Now, **Mary was thinking of Him**. And as she went on, all of a sudden, she raised her head again. **She was positive that time**. Right standing before her, was a great Light, perhaps the same Pillar of Fire that led Moses through the wilderness and the children of Israel. Walking out of this light, perhaps brighter than the sunlight, came the great archangel Gabriel. And He said, "Hail, Mary (other words, "Stop."), blessed art thou among the women, for you have found favor with God" (*Luke 1:26-38*). [10]

If you want Angels to appear to you, keep your mind on God and off the things of the world (*Heb. 1:14*). Go about your business; go to your church; go to your washing of dishes; **wherever you are, keep your mind on Him all day and all night long** (*Psalms 16:8*). **Then God will do something**. You're drawing close to Him; you've got the world shut out; **just you and He are together**. [11]

Now, think, we mean that; everything is surrendered. "I'm no more my own thinking. I'm not going to think like I'd think, Lord. **I'm just going to think like You think**. And You promised that I was healed; **I think that. I surrender my thinking. I won't no more think about my sickness**. I won't think about the disease I had. I ain't thinking about nothing but thinking what You said."

Brother Branham continued: Now, right out in front of you stands a person just like you were a few minutes ago; you were sick down here, but there's a well person standing there. Jesus Christ is calling to that well person right beyond it. **Now, you just, by faith, as you close your eyes, walk right into that well body, then just keep on walking, just keep on going** (*II Cor. 3:18*). [12]

Reference:

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- [4] "Blind Bartimaeus" (55-1115), par. E-29-30
- [5] "Mary's Belief" (59-0409), par. E-9
- [6] "Why It Had to be Shepherds" (64-1221), par. 70
- [7] "Unbelief Does Not Hinder God" (62-0128M), par. E-35
- [8] "Easter Seal" (65-0410), par. 85-86
- [9] "Enticing Spirits" (55-0724), par. 43-45
- [10] "The Unchangeable Word of God" (60-0724), par. E-37-38
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[Bro. Branham in „Conduct-Order-Doctrine“, page 724]