

Questions Jesus is Asking- Why do you Entertain Evil Thoughts?
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Matthew 9:1-7

"Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. ² Some men brought to him a paralyzed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven."

³ At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, "This fellow is blaspheming!"

⁴ Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? ⁵ Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? ⁶ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "Get up, take your mat and go home."⁷ Then the man got up and went home. ⁸ When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to man."

Question for Today:
Why do you let your minds revolve around thoughts that are against God?

Why Do We Do This?

- 1) We live in a broken world
- 2) We are broken people
- 3) Our brain is like a broken record

What Were "Their" Evil Thoughts?

- Jesus is LESS than who He is
- I am LESS than who Jesus says I am

2 Timothy 3:5

"having a form of godliness but denying its power."

How Do I Change?

- 1) Believe that you can change.

"Your Mind is your Servant not your Master."

1 Corinthians 6:12

"I will not be mastered by anything."

Romans 12:2

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

- 2) Change what you "entertain"

- 3) Resist the negative.
Assist the positive.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5

*"The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. ⁵ We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we **take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.**"*

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