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1. Prov.23:7, you are what you think
2. Lk.2:19, ponder: think about seriously, deeply
3. Ac.8:6, heed: pay close attention
4. Ac.10:19, think seriously about; think deeply
5. 1 Co.14:20, mature in understanding
6. 2 Co.10:5, every thought captive, to obey
7. Ph.4:8, meditate, give careful thought to
8. Col.3:2, keep giving serious consideration to

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## It does matter what we think

- Mt.9:4, why do you think evil in your hearts?
  - Jews were envious, inaccurate, dishonest
- Lk.12:17, what shall I do...?
- Ro.1:21, became futile in their thoughts...

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## Rom.12:2

- Transform . . . transfigured (Mt.17:2): change
- Renew – cause something to become new and different – L-N
- Bible-reading, study, prayer, meditation, etc. change way we think (verse 3)
  - *Santeria cult* sacrifices chickens
  - *Muslims* sacrifice goats
  - *Hindu cult*, human sacrifice / flour

# Rom.12:17

- Have regard for . . . think about something ahead of time
- Implication: respond appropriately



## Rom.13:14

- Make no provision for the flesh to fulfill its lusts . . .
  - Stop planning ahead so as to satisfy the desires of your sinful nature
- Eccl.11:3, the tree
- Gal.2:11-14, Peter and Barnabas

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IV. Think Another

# The Corinthians

- Had already been thinking about one another ... but not in the way they should
  - 1 Co.4:7, pride
  - 1 Co.6:1, greed
  - 1 Co.11:21, selfishness
  - 1 Co.12:25, competition

# 1 Co.10:1-14

- Paul is concerned about the Corinthians' sinful influence on themselves and then on other people
  - Think about unbelievers, 1 Co.10:27-30
  - Think about other believers, 1 Co.8
    - One for whom Christ died . . . may be encouraged by our example to eat food as an offering to a false god

## Mt.17:24-27

- Peter, Jesus, and taxes
- Jesus could innocently disregard the fee, but He would not act in a way that might wrongly influence others

## Mt.18:6-7

- Snare, stumbling-block, temptation

# NT emphasizes caution

- Our actions affect others
- 1 Co.10:31-33

“Watch your thoughts; they become words.  
Watch your words; they become actions.  
Watch your actions; they become habits.  
Watch your habits; they become character.  
Watch your character; it becomes your  
destiny” – Frank Outlaw