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Days

21 Days of Prayer & Fasting
Hopewell Christian Fellowship Daily Devotional

Day 18 - Monday, January 19, 2009

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Theme: Putting Thoughts Into Perspective

Scripture: 2 Cor: 10: 3-6

Key Verse:

We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, (2 Corinthians 10:5 NASB)

Meditation:

Rene' Descartes the 17th century French mathematician and philosopher said, "I think, therefore I am." For most people, their thoughts are their identity. The things that go through their minds determine how they see themselves, everyone and everything around them. But where do thoughts come from and who determines what goes through our minds?

In Exodus 3:14, when Moses asked God how he should be called, God replied, "I AM who I AM." Thereafter, He was simply referred to as, "I AM", the Self-existent One. God is described as spirit- wind or breath. And we have this breath of God in us. We are also spirit beings with a capacity beyond our intellect, will or emotions.

The spirit realm is a mystery to people who are focused on their own thoughts. But the spirit is more "real" than the natural realm. More important than what you think is who you are and who you are becoming in Christ. Paul exhorts these Corinthian believers who desire very much to be "spiritual," but who are swayed by every little rumor or insult, that they need to rise up in their spirits and get control of their minds.

Where are your thoughts coming from? Do they define you or defy you? One of the benefits of fasting is to bring about clarity of knowing what is in your spirit. Now rise up, and put your thoughts into perspective!

Prayer: Father I thank you that I am not who I think I am, but I am who you made me to be. I am your child, redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ. And I am daily becoming more and more like you through the power of your Holy Spirit in me. Restore to me that sense of truth about who I am in my innermost being. Expose the lies in my thinking so that I can freely embrace the truth. Strengthen me in my spirit. AMEN.