

thinking about thinking



**Though princes
sit together speaking
against me, your
servant will think
about your statutes.
Psalm 119:23**

They are talking about you. They're sitting over there laughing, shredding, ripping you to pieces, and you know it.

Gossip cuts straight to the heart. Always painful, always injurious. Sticks and stones may break your bones, but words will break your heart. But we don't have to cooperate with our enemies by twisting the knife. We have a choice. What is the choice? Go back and read the verse.

Words or the Word

We can either focus on the words of our enemies or on the Word of God. Which would be more beneficial? Let's think about that for a moment. What do we know about the enemy? He comes to kill, steal, and destroy. EVERYTHING he says is a big fat lie.

But God.

What does His Word say? He comes so we can have life and life abundant. In the verse above, we are called servants of God. Why should a servant (you and me) listen to the Master?

- Because His Word is law and love and good and glorious.

- Because the purpose of a servant is to listen for his/her Master's voice.
- Because we will obey who we allow to speak into our life.

Think

Consider the definition of *think*. In the Greek, *siyach*, means *to speak, to sing*, (I love this part) **to talk to oneself**. So when others are talking about you, you talk about you too, but you talk to yourself about God's truth. When the enemy swoops in to remind you of your failure, you remind him, OUT LOUD, that God promises to use all things for the good of those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. When the Enemy or your enemies at work, school, or the office say you aren't strong enough, good enough, or smart enough, you think about how *the statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. Psalm 19:7*. Do not allow yourself to focus on the lies of the enemy. Replace them with the truth of God's Word.

Grow

Siyach also means *to germinate, to grow, to put forth buds*. Think for a moment and let's put this all together. Times of attack and criticism from the enemy are growing times. During those hard times we must turn our thoughts from lying word of the enemy and think on the Word of God. And in the thinking, God's word which is sharper than a two edged sword, goes deep and cuts out the lies, and plants seeds of truth. The truth germinates, put forth buds and produces fruit. When we eat of this fruit, we are made stronger.

Take Action!

1. **Reject**. Reject the lies of the Enemy.

2. **Think/speak.** Think and speak the truth of God's Word in your situation and about yourself. Do this as often as needed.
3. **Pray.** Pray for God to give you wisdom and strength to overcome this hardship.
4. **Humble.** Thank God for how He is using this hard time to grow you into His image.
5. **Serve.** Continue to serve God and follow God's will for your life despite the criticism of the enemy.

What are you thinking about? Leave me a comment below. I'd love to chat with you!

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