

THINK TWICE.

THOUGHT.

AS HE THINKETH IN HIS HEART, SO IS HE.

Proverbs 23. 7.

The capacity of thinking is a most wonderful thing. Here lies man's supremacy over all the visible world... about him. All the mighty deeds that have blessed humanity were once thoughts. Before ever the angel's song was heard on the heights of Bethlehem Christ's atoning work was a Divine thought - expressed in the message of the prophets. The ^{plane} airplane, the missile, the radio, the television, ^{all} the accomplishments of medicine, and other scientific achievements that we enjoy today from the greatest to the simplest household appliance ^{is} was once just a thought. ^{TO SPOONIK}

If such is the province and potency of thought, we see how the character of a man's thoughts determines the character of his life: for as he thinketh, so is he. His actions are inspired from within. The utterance of his mind is seen in the movement of his feet and his hands.

Every product of the soul, whether it be an action or a purpose, is first a germ. There is not a Christian but owed his or her life spiritual birth to the direct act of the Holy Ghost bringing home conviction to your souls. There was the first thought - I am a sinner; and the next thought - I need a Saviour; and the next - that Christ in the Saviour for me; and out of that comes your hope for this world and for heaven. It is not only true that every Christian life is a germ awakened by the Holy Spirit, but all after-actions and plans of that life have their origin there.

{ Sin lies in the Soil in germs - in germs as well as in actions. And, as good thoughts are to be nursed and encouraged and carried out, so the moral success of life consists in killing evil thoughts. Every sin was once a little thought. The guilt lies not in having the thought; for fearful thoughts often come to the godliest people. The guilt lies in what? In opening the door and giving them houseroom and ~~here~~ heartroom. The real difference

between good men and bad men is largely this, that one fosters and evil thought and the other quenches it. Every sin was once a thought. The indulgence of wicked thought makes sinners. The acting out of the thought makes the transgressor. The time to kill the serpent is in the egg. Extinguish fire by putting out ~~its~~ sparks. Keep thy heart bolted against evil thoughts. For ' as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he ' / The miser's thought is all dwindled to a sovereign or a penny, and he cannot see God or eternity. Let me know what your soul turns to and thinks most about when left to ~~yourself~~ itself, and I will determine your spiritual character before God. ~~And~~ And at last such it shall be in the judgement - for your thought will become the fruits borne in your life.

There are fewer purer and richer pleasures in this world than the enjoyment of sweet thoughts, happy thoughts, holy thoughts,

The heart determines our everlasting destiny. A heart without holiness never shall see the Lord.

PRAYER Christ is the one only purifier of the heart. He can change the fountain-head. He can make it to send forth not bitter water, but sweet, pure, refreshing water. The woman at the well had her thoughts changed when she looked upon Christ - the woman in adultery had her thoughts changed - when she was carried before Christ.