

BUILDING WITH THE MIND OF CHRIST

Handout

Philippians 4:19

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

"That destruction can surround you without defining you, if you choose to build with what God has given."

1) Recognize the Material You're Building With

1 Corinthians 2:6–8

6 We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. 7 No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. 8 None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

Destructive thoughts come from human wisdom. Constructive thoughts come from God's Spirit.

Philippians 4:8

Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

- *Do an Audit on your thought material this week.*

Thought Audit (What am I feeding my mind?)

2) Depend on the Holy Spirit as Your Builder

1 Corinthians 2:10–12

10 these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 11 For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.

Constructive thoughts are not achieved by effort alone, but by surrender.

Surrender (What do I need to release to the Spirit?)

3) Live Daily With the Mind of Christ

1 Corinthians 2:14–16

14 But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means.

1 Corinthians 2:14–16 (cont.)

15 Those who are spiritual can evaluate all things, but they themselves cannot be evaluated by others. 16 For, "Who can know the Lord's thoughts? Who knows enough to teach him?"

Key line: But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.

Spend enough time with Christ to think like Christ. Storms don't just reveal what's broken around us, they reveal what we've been building within us.

This Week (Practices to build a Christ-shaped mind)