

- (1) of parents
- (2) of educational system
- (3) of society (books, television, movies, etc.)
- (4) of religious training
- b. reflection
 - (1) personal observation
 - (2) personal experience
 - (3) personal compromise
- 3. These "established attitudes" permeated with fleshly "personal interest" of selfishness and sinfulness.
 - a. Act: personal aspiration, gratification, reputation
 - b. React: fight, fright, flight
- B. If there was a mental-video device that could record all the thoughts that go through your mind, would you want to play it back for everyone?
 - 1. God knows our every thought
 - Jere. 17:10 - "I, the Lord, search the heart; I test the mind"
 - Jere. 20:12 - "The Lord seest the mind and the heart"
 - Rev. 2:23 - "I am He who searches the minds and hearts"
 - 2. Does this not reveal the necessity of renewing the mind?
- C. The mind needs to be renewed with Godly "established attitudes"
 - 1. Initial and continual renewal of the mind
 - a. Initial renewal - regenerative renewal
 - Titus 3:5 - "regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit"
 - I Cor. 2:16 - "you have the mind of Christ"
 - Heb. 8:10; 10:16 - "I will put my laws in their hearts"
 - b. Continual renewal - sanctifying renewal
 - Phil. 2:5 - "Have this mind in you which was in Christ"
 - Phil. 4:8 - "whatever is true, right, pure...let minds dwell"
 - Col. 3:2 - "set your minds on things above"
 - 2. The thoughts and attitudes of the mind serve as the conduits which allow for the mobilization of Godly behavior by divine energizing.
 - Prov. 23:7 - "As a man thinks in his soul, so is he (in behavior)"
 - I Pet. 1:13 - "gird your minds for action"
- D. The combination of our "established attitudes" develop into a "mind-set"
 - 1. Mind-set about ourselves
 - a. false sense of identity
 - b. external orientation - "how do I look?"
 - c. guilt - attitudes of worthlessness, inferiority
 - 2. Mind-set about other people
 - a. people pleasing - self-conscious
 - b. vain imaginations - fears, phobias
 - c. attitudes of anger, impatience, hate, bitterness, resentment, revenge, suspicion, criticism, jealousy, unforgiveness, blame, depression, co-dependency
 - 3. Mind-set about things
 - a. materialism - "what am I going to buy next?"
 - b. love things - use people
 - c. addictions to substances, objects, etc.
 - 4. Mind-set about ideas
 - a. quest for knowledge
 - b. desire to be correct, accurate, right
 - 5. Mind-set about situations
 - a. what might happen; the hypothetical - worry
 - b. panic about inability to cope
 - 6. Mind-set about God
 - a. irrelevant, archaic, out-moded, unnecessary
 - b. external, peripheral safety net; mystical, magical