



Surrender Your Thinking

Lesson 5 • Proverbs 3:7-8

How often do you **think** about your **thinking**? When was the last time you **thought** about your **thoughts**?

God wants us to be **THINKERS** who **THINK** about to **SURRENDERING** our **THINKING** to Him!

► What's a Worldview?

A Worldview Is the Way You Look at the "BIG PICTURE" of Life.

"A mental and spiritual lens through which you view reality." – George Barna

"My personal beliefs about the world that direct my decisions and actions." – Charles Colson

► What Are Some Common Worldviews?

Common Alternative Worldviews

1. **Deism** *The belief that there is a God, but He is not interested in our daily lives.*
2. **Humanism** *The belief that this world is all there is, and if anything is wrong, then humans are going to have to fix it since God doesn't exist.*
3. **Postmodernism** *Truth is relative. If it's true for you, it may not be true for me, but that's okay (unless I say otherwise).*
4. **Moralistic Therapeutic Deism** *God wants us to feel good about ourselves and lead a good life to enter heaven.*

► How Do I Begin to Develop a Biblical Worldview? Proverbs 3:7-8

The ABCs for Surrendering Your Thinking to the Lord!

A - Admit God Knows Better THAN YOU.

"Be not wise in your own eyes..." Proverbs 3:7

God Knows Better Because...

► He is Eternal **CREATOR** of all things. Proverbs 3:19-20

► He is the Ideal **FATHER** to His children. Proverbs 1—9

B - Begin to Fear God More Than ANYTHING ELSE.

"fear the Lord..." Proverbs 3:7

► Fear the LORD: Know God for who He really is and **RUN TO HIM** with a faith that obeys!

"To fear God is to stand in awe of His righteousness, majesty, and power and to trust Him by humbly depending on Him." – Bruce Wilkinson

"The fear of the Lord is that affectionate reverence, by which the child of God bends himself humbly and carefully to his Father's law." – Charles Bridges

- Fear the LORD: *Begin to think and live like He is* **SECOND TO NONE.**

<i>Wisdom Book</i>	<i>To Fear the LORD Is to...</i>	<i>Sample Passages</i>
Job	KNOW Him Better than Anything Else.	1:8-9; 2:3; 28:28; 42:1-2, 5-6
Psalms	PRAISE Him More than Anything Else.	22:23; 33:8; 40:3; 96:4; 111:10
Proverbs	TRUST Him More than Anything Else.	1:7; 3:5-7; 9:10; 15:33; 29:25
Ecclesiastes	OBEY Him More than Anything Else.	3:14; 8:12-13; 12:13
Song of Songs	LOVE Him More than Anything Else.	7:10; 8:6-7 *

* Technically, the "fear of the LORD" is not used in the Song but the Apostle Paul reminds us that martial love pictures covenant love with the LORD.

C - Capture Every Thought to **OBEY CHRIST.**

"and turn away from evil." Proverbs 3:7

Jesus on the Source of Truth – John 14:6, 16; 15:26; 17:8, 17

"I AM the way, the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father except by Me." John 14:6,

Paul on Surrendering Our Thinking to Jesus - 2Corinthians 10:3-6

Job on the Source of Wisdom in the Midst of Suffering - Job 28:20-28

D – Delight in the Healing **BOUNDARIES** of a Biblical Worldview.

"It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones." Proverbs 3:8

- At least **16 of the 35 verses** in Proverbs 3 are dedicated to ***the blessings*** that come to those who live in light of a biblical worldview.

*A Biblical Worldview is **LIMITING** but such limitations are **LIBERATING!***

Are You Willing to Surrender Your Thinking to the One Who Surrendered Everything for You?

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Admit God knows better than you.

Begin to fear God more than anyone/anything else.

Capture every thought to obey Christ.

Delight in the healing boundaries of a biblical worldview.