

and take into account, yet have the ability to love in a way that does not calculate evil, or reckon a repayment for evil rendered, and refrains from imputing motives (1 Cor. 13:5). Godly thinking makes thoughts accountable and consideration of any action is based upon pondering things that are truthful, honorable, just, pure, lovely, and good. It undertakes to be well reported from within and without, looks for virtuous deeds to perform, seeking praise of God (Phil. 4:8-9; Matt. 25:33-46; 1 Tim. 3:1-8).

The hallmark of Christian thinking is, "...not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but so to think as to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to each man a measure of faith...." (Rom. 12:3-8). A certifiable way to know that the process of thinking is correct comes from using the Bible adage, "...That in us ye might learn not to go beyond the thing which are written; that no one of you be puffed up for the one against another.." (1 Cor. 4:6-13).

In the Bible the word "mind" has many (unique details). One single definition cannot cover all of them. Basically the mind is the seat of reflection, consciousness and comprises the faculty of perception and understanding. It is the spot where our feelings, judgment and discernment are lodged. The mind has will, power, feelings, remembrances, concentrations, learning ability, understanding, forgetfulness, ability to repent, determine and more.

In the mind a transformation can take place (Rom. 12:1-2). Persuasion occurs (Rom. 14:5). Purity is reckoned (2 Pet. 3:1; Matt. 5:8). It is the seat of knowledge where God places His law and will (Heb. 8:10; 10:16). The mind forms an agreement with God (Phil. 2:3), a source of wrongs and eventually blinded (Col. 1:21; 2 Cor. 3:14). Memory and spiritual accord are part of the mind (2 Pet. 3:2; Rom. 8:6). The mind can be shaken and grow weary (2 Thess. 2:2; Heb. 12:3). Carnality leads to arrogance in the mind (Col. 2:14; Rom. 8:6). Vain imaginations grow in an uncontrolled mind (Rom. 1:21). The mind is the core of man's intelligence. With all the mind, heart, strength and mediation the righteous reflect on God (Deut. 4:6-9; Matt. 22:37; Ps. 1:1-5). The sincere mind is stirred up in the way of remembrances by reading the Bible (2 Pet. 3:1-7). Change in spiritual and moral character can be great, taking place within the mind (Acts 2:36-42). It is a matter of changing the mind or perishing (Lk. 13:3; Acts 2:38).

Repentance stresses the change of mind and moral conduct which has a consequence on the present status and future home of the soul (1 Tim. 4:6-16). Repentance comes about

because of "godly sorrow." Godly sorrow and its changes are not later regretted in the altered mind (2 Cor. 7:10).

The pious change their mind to do the will of God. Such changes reverse the effects of the previous state of mind and practice. In this altered mind the consideration is to be "pleasing to God" (1 Thess. 4:1-8). "...even as we have been approved of God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God who proveth our hearts" (1 Thess. 2:4). Our mind should be the same as Christ's (Phil. 4:5).



Self-Acceptance

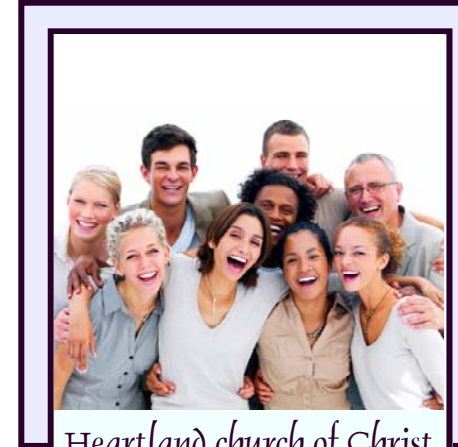
By
Bryan Hodge

AXEL Munth once said: "A man can stand a lot as long as he can stand himself." Oh, how true this is.

Our society is filled with people who are displeased with themselves. We are either too fat or too thin; too short or too tall; too gray or no hair at all. How does one overcome these feelings of displeasure?

- Know that God loves you (Jn. 3:16)
- Remember you are "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Ps. 139:14)
- Remember some things cannot be changed (Matt. 6:27).
- Remember each of us has different abilities and characteristics (Matt. 25:14-30)

Experts have found that it is impossible for us to love others, until we first love ourselves (Matt. 22:39).



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The Unethical Dilemma of Organ Donation

By Mike Demory

THIS is by far a most difficult subject to speak out against, but one that EVERY Christian MUST reconsider. On the onset, I want you to know that not all organ donations are bad or against God's will. You may be a present recipient of an organ transplant, or know of someone who is, or even know of someone who is presently on a list to receive an organ, if so this subject will likely be an emotional one. I can't begin to count the number of bulletins where prayers are asked for some brother or sister in Christ who is actively seeking an organ to maintain their life. Again, I am deeply and utterly sorry for the suffering that brethren are facing directly or indirectly, but we must not allow emotions to dictate our actions, and in the process violate God's will.

There is no doubt that the world's value system and the Christian's value system are at odds with one another. Sadly, situationism is believed by more people than we think, even in the Lord's church. Please let us calmly and rationally consider the following in light of God's will. Issues such as abortion, homosexuality, divorce and remarriage, are ethical subjects that we deal with everyday and know what the Scriptures teach about them. But have we ever stopped to consider the ethics of organ transplantation? Most likely not, because we trust the medical community, or at least we blindly trust them, for we think within ourselves, what we don't know won't hurt us. Yet, we also know that ignorance of the Law is no excuse (Micah 6:8; Zeph. 2:3). The great "Golden Rule" (Matt. 7:12) or the second law to "love thy neighbor as thyself" (Mark 12:31) are two commands that should put us on ALERT not to do harm to another human being. As the giver of life, God is the only one who has the right to take it, or to give authority for us to take it (i.e. putting to death the wicked—Romans 13:4).

We are free to donate "A" kidney because we are able continue to live with one, or we are free to donate bone marrow or a portion of our liver, or our eyes if we so choose. However, the taking of the heart, lungs, both kidneys, spleen, etc. are off limits because it requires the taking of a life in order to do so. Yes, I said that it means taking someone's life in order for us to continue living. In the 1960's when Dr. Bernard performed the first heart transplant, the recipient lived only 18 days. The same was true of every transplant patient over the next few years, and so Doctors had to rethink the process of keeping their patients alive after transplantation. They reasoned that organs they had been transplanting had come from cadavers, and therefore the decaying process had already begun. The only way that transplantation could work was to remove organs from 'live' patients, but that would be gruelish and considered murder, so how could they continue this process and make it acceptable to the average citizen? Enter the phrase "Brain Death," or "Brain Dead."

This technique has been in use since the 1970's and is only allowed in the United States, Great Britain, and a couple of other countries. Most in the world require the patient to be dead in

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 Jo Gordon
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every sense of the word. As great a country as America is, it is quite unnerving to know that men and women from this nation are the ones who have invented some of the most wicked methods of dealing with their fellowman ever devised. The “Eugenics Movement” invented in the United States by men and women to remove “undesirables” from society, was taught to Adolf Hitler. This idea of “eugenics” is how Hitler murdered millions of people in order to invent a so-called superior race. Again, within our own borders we have “Brain Death,” a term that allows us to “legally” murder innocent individuals in the name of harvesting viable organs and making billions of dollars.

While many will argue that organ donation meets the criteria for loving ones neighbor, they have actually assimilated the thinking of Fletcher and situationism. For Fletcher argued that a thing cannot be wrong, if the situation is motivated by love. The truth of the matter is that organ donation is no different than embryonic stem cell research, abortion, the use of aborted babies in the production of vaccines, etc. If we can receive a donated organ as an “act” of love, then we can take part in the above mentioned issues as well, because it would be out of love to find a cure for various diseases, or not to bring a child into a world poverty, etc. If not, why not?

There is plenty of information concerning organ donation from “Brain Dead” patients that speak of patients as still living. As organs are removed without anesthesia (because the reasoning is that giving a patient anesthesia would mean they are alive); which then forces nurses to hold the patient down when the cutting begins. The lungs are the next to last, because they are needed to provide oxygen to the ‘life’ blood. Then last but not least the heart is the final organ to be removed, because it is needed to continue to pump the ‘life’ blood through the other organs. All the while the patient is moaning in pain and trying to stop the procedure in an effort to survive!

I have known a couple of brethren who were pronounced “Brain Dead” by the doctors. The Christian families continued to pray, and those individuals are walking around today as if nothing ever happened to them. There are many other similar stories. The fact that a patient is non-responsive does not prove that they are dead. A person, who is truly dead, cannot be sustained by life-

support machinery. True, it may appear that they are alive, as the heart and lungs continue to function with the assistance of mechanics, but as James tells us “*As the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.*” (Jas. 2:26). When the soul leaves the body, the body can no longer function on its own. When Christopher Reeve died, no amount of life-support equipment could keep him alive; his soul had left his body. While his soul remained, the respirator was able to supply him with the ability to breath and stay alive, but once his soul departed, NOTHING, could keep his body functioning.

As emotionally packed as this issue may be, we must be vigilant in keeping God’s commands to think of others above ourselves (Philippians 2:3). If we have lived faithfully all our lives, then rather than prolonging our existence here by the taking of a life, we should prepare for receiving that heavenly reward. Let us always seek God’s will in all matters, even if it means that we may lose our lives, or the lives of a loved one to some disease. We must NEVER, allow worldly values, or emotionalism to prevent us from receiving a heavenly home. Please study this issue honestly



Do you believe that We will Know Each other in Heaven?

By Mike McDaniel

IT is this writer’s belief, based on what the Scriptures teach, that we will know each other in heaven. Please notice the teachings of the following passages. Concerning Abraham, Moses wrote in Genesis 25:8; “*Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years and was gathered to his people.*” This cannot refer to the burial of the Patriarch’s body, for he was buried near

Mamre in Canaan. Yet his ancestors had been entombed hundreds of miles away in distant lands. The expressions “*gathered to his people,*” and “*going to the fathers*” (Gen. 15:15; Judg. 2:10), all denote reunion with faithful loved ones in the world to come. Centuries later, when David lost an infant son of Bathsheba, as a consequence of their illicit union, David said with calm confidence: “*But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me*” (2 Sam. 12:23). These words indicate a belief in the continued existence of his child and that David would recognize and know him in the future. In prophesying the Gentile response to the gospel, Jesus declared in Matthew 8:11: “*And I say unto you, that many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.*” Friends, if we shall know Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as such, does it not inevitably follow that those great men (grandfather, father, and son – 3 generations) will also know each other? Certainly so!

In the parable of the unrighteous steward, Jesus said in Luke 16:9: “*And I say unto you, make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.*” The principle that the Lord taught was this: Use your financial means for the work of the Lord, to make friends or converts so that one day they will welcome us in our eternal abode. This certainly implies personal identity and recognition in the world to come.

In similar fashion, the Scriptures affirm that one of the great joys of heaven will be in seeing the fruits of our earthly labors in the Lord, of being with those whom we personally have led to Christ. For example, hear Paul’s exclamation to the brethren at Thessalonica: “*For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?*” (1 Thess. 2:19). The way in which Paul speaks of the Thessalonians in this passage shows that he expected to know his converts at the Day of Judgment. If so, we may hope to know our relatives and friends there. We sing the hymn; “*You never mentioned Him to me,*” indicating that in the Day of Judgment, family, friends, co-workers, etc., may voice their astonishment at our complacency in not teaching them the truth of the gospel. These passages and others indicate future rec-

ognition of those who have gone on before us.

Many people however often raise one objection. It is asked: “*If we are able to know our loved ones there, will we not also be aware of those not there? How then could we possibly be happy?*” To this objection, some things must be kept in mind. Although we may not understand everything about this matter from an emotional standpoint, we can be sure that God can and will take care of it. The Bible states that, “*God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes*” (Rev. 7:17), and in Heaven “*there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away*” (Rev. 21:4). Also consider the fact that while God loves all of us (Rom. 5:7-8) and knows that some will be lost whom He loves, this does not effect His joy. Surely, future recognition will be one of the many things that will make heaven, heaven for us!



The Mind of Christ

By Don Hatch

“*If there is therefore any exhortation in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship and compassion, make full my joy, that ye be of the same mind, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind; doing nothing through faction or through vainglory, but in lowliness of mind each counting other better than himself; not looking each of you to his own things, but each of you also to the things of others. Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus*” (Phil. 2:1-4).

CHRISTIANITY is a thinking person’s religion. Requirements for becoming a Christian all involve a mental aptitude, which can perceive, understand, apprehend, suppose or form an opinion (Matt. 3:9; 6:7; Acts 26:2; 2 Cor. 9:5; Eph. 3:20; Phil. 2:6; 2 Pet. 1:13). Thinking includes the ability to reckon