

## God's Ideas Are Better Than Your Ideas

**Overview:** ABC Church has had a saying for years:

A good idea can lead one to failure or even lead to hell. A God idea is a good idea if God tells you to do it; and if you do what He tells you to do, when He tells you to do it. Your ideas may be good ideas but God's ideas are better than your ideas.

### A. Why God's Ideas Are Better Than Your Ideas.

1. God's ways are higher and better than your ways and ideas.
  - a. <sup>8</sup> For My thoughts are not your thoughts,                   Is 55:8-9  
Nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. <sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.

### B. Pride Promotes Your Ideas or Thoughts.

1. <sup>1</sup> Where do wars and fights come from among           James 4:1-5  
you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? <sup>2</sup> You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures. <sup>4</sup> Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup> Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"?
2. For where envy and self-seeking exist,                   James 3:16  
confusion and every evil thing are there.
3. For am I now seeking the approval of man,           Gal 1:10  
or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

### C. Humility is Needed to Resist Your Ideas.

1. But He gives more grace. Therefore He says:           James 4:6  
God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.
2. When swelling and pride come, then                   Prov 11:2 (AMPC)  
emptiness and shame come also, but with the humble (those who are lowly, who have been pruned or chiseled by trial, and renounce self) are skillful and godly Wisdom and soundness.

#### D. Submit to God to Hear God's Ideas.

1. <sup>7</sup> Therefore **submit to God**. Resist the devil and James 4:7-10  
he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.  
Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-  
minded. <sup>9</sup> Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to  
mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves in the sight of the  
Lord, and He will lift you up.
2. <sup>4</sup> Move not in the ways of the flesh but in the Rom 8:4-7 (AMPC)  
ways of the Spirit [our lives governed not by the standards and according to  
the dictates of the flesh, but controlled by the Holy Spirit]. <sup>5</sup> For those who  
are according to the flesh and are controlled by its unholy desires set their  
minds on and pursue those things which gratify the flesh, but those who are  
according to the Spirit and are controlled by the desires of the Spirit set their  
minds on and seek those things which gratify the [Holy] Spirit. <sup>6</sup> Now the  
mind of the flesh [which is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit] is death  
[death that comprises **all the miseries arising from sin**, both here and  
hereafter]. But the **mind of the [Holy] Spirit is life** and [soul] peace [both  
now and forever]. <sup>7</sup> [That is] because the **mind of the flesh** [with its carnal  
thoughts and purposes] is hostile to God, for it does not submit itself to  
God's Law; indeed it cannot.

#### E. God's Ideas Are in the Mind of Christ.

1. For who has known or understood the mind 1 Cor 2:16 (AMPC)  
(the counsels and purposes) of the Lord so as to guide and instruct Him and  
give Him knowledge? But we have the **mind of Christ** (the Messiah) and do  
hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart.
2. God's ideas discern good from evil.
  - a. Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test 1 John 4:1  
the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have  
gone out into the world.
  - b. And do not be conformed to this world, but Rom 12:2  
be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is  
that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.
  - c. But solid food belongs to those who are of Heb 5:14  
full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to  
discern both good and evil.
  - d. For the word of God is living and powerful, Heb 4:12  
and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of  
soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts  
and intents of the heart.

3. God's ideas have faith, patience and wisdom.
  - a. <sup>2</sup> My brethren, count it all joy when you fall James 1:2-8  
into various trials, <sup>3</sup> knowing that the testing of your faith produces  
patience. <sup>4</sup> But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect  
and complete, lacking nothing. <sup>5</sup> If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of  
God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to  
him. <sup>6</sup> But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a  
wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> For let not that man  
suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; <sup>8</sup> he is a double-  
minded man, unstable in all his ways.
4. True worship builds up God's anointing in you John 4:23-24  
and it will sustain you throughout the day.  
Example: An uncharged cell phone left on the battery charger for 5 minutes  
will not fully charge your battery so it will not last all day long.
5. After you arrive at 100% power you will 1 Cor 2:4-5  
operate at full capacity for a while, but when that anointing begins to fade down  
to 80% you will need to recharge back up to 100% by doing a Mini-Scenario.
6. If you allow God's anointing to get very depleted Gal 5:17  
in you, it will cause you to operate in the flesh and not in the spirit.
  - a. Why do you think you would hear the voice Rom 12:2 (AMPC),  
of the Holy Spirit with a low amount of power? Acts 22:14-15  
Example: Your cell phone when it gets down to 15% power automatically  
dims the light to conserve energy. At 5% power, a cell phone is not capable  
of texting without the screen light blacking out display screen. At 1% cannot  
make a call and if you attempt to make a call it will get cut off in the middle  
of a call.
7. Identify your enemy so you can recognize him. 1 Peter 5:8
  - a. Demons, Devils, and Evil spirits (DDEs) try to make it seem like your  
thoughts are from the Holy Spirit but they Rev 12:9-10  
are deceivers and imitate God to trick you.
8. Identifying if it's your idea or God's idea can Gal 5:18-21  
help you avoid many challenges by letting the Holy Spirit lead you to:
  - a. Avoid temptation. 1 Cor 10:13
  - b. Avoid errors and big mistakes. Ps 37:23-24; Heb 4:16
  - c. Avoid being deceived by an Angel of Light. 2 Cor 11:14
9. Do not obey every thought. John 8:44
  - a. Do not obey DDEs who try to guide your Eph 2:2 (AMPC)  
thoughts by making them seem good and desirable.

- b. Do not obey DDEs that tempt you to commit any sins, especially fear, offense, unforgiveness, self-unforgiveness, hatred, self-hatred, rejection, self-rejection, anger, rage, bitterness, resentment, revenge, spitefulness, retaliation, jealousy, envy, and strife. Eph 4:12 -32 (AMPC)
  - c. Do not obey DDEs that try to trick you into committing less obvious sins and/or mistakes such as disdain, distraction, lack of focus, errors, memory loss, confusion, miscommunication, misinterpretation, misunderstanding, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD), control, stress, feeling overwhelmed, pressure, rushing, doubt and unbelief, distrust, depression, discouragement, negativity, vain imaginations, and anything else that is not a godly thought, idea or action.
10. Learning to meditate or dwell on God's ideas in the Mind of Christ will result in a better idea and will lead to success if you do not misinterpret a fleshly desire as a godly desire. However, meditating or dwelling on your own ideas that fulfill selfish ambition, fleshly desires or self-righteous ideas will lead to failure. Ps 1:1-6; Col 3:16
11. How to resist DDEs so they get tired of attacking you incessantly. James 4:7
- a. DDEs will eventually go away to bother someone else if you counter-punch them with spiritual warfare a.s.a.p. John 8:31-32; Eph 6:17  
Example: When constant unsolicited sales calls barrage your phone, immediately put the phone number on a Block This Phone Number list. They will dial your phone 2 seconds later using another phone number, but do not answer it. If it is a legitimate phone call, the person will leave a message and you can call them back.
  - b. Also block the attack with the Shield of Faith. Eph 6:16  
Example: When you block unsolicited sales call and keep doing it. At first, if a person is getting 5-6 sales calls a day, but consistently blocks the unsolicited phone calls, then it makes the robo-calls or unsolicited sales people back off to 1 a day, then 1 every other day, then it's 1 every other week. Soon it will be zero calls.
12. Be persistent, consistent and frequent. Prov 24:16
13. Your spiritual warfare Faith Action Plan: Eph 6:10-12
- a. Do not partner with the DDEs. 2 Cor 6:14
  - b. Confess sins, Repent, Renounce and Break curses connected to those sins (CRRB) as soon as you identify them. 1 John 1:9
  - c. Re-establish the Kingdom of God (KOG) and wash down the DDEs behind the sins for a season until you get to the point that you easily recognize them. Matt 6:9-15

- d. When you can easily recognize the sins which allow the DDEs to attack you, then after you CRRB and KOG, you can do the Cleansing Prayer to Three Witness (3W) yourself to cast out the Demons and Devils and wash out the Evil spirits.
  - e. Be vigilant to watch for the sins behind the DDEs which were cast out and do not to let 7 “Worsers” (DDEs) return. Matt 12:42-45
14. Never quit doing your spiritual warfare so that Gal 6:9; Eph 6:18-20  
God’s better ideas can become your successful ideas!

### **Recommendation:**

There is never one sin by itself. There is always a chain of associated sins. Every time you pray, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you your hidden sins and secret faults of which you are unaware. Also ask God to help you to quit sinning. As a result of stopping those sins, the DDEs will not have a legal right to attack you and they will have to go. What lets them back in are the acts of repeating those sins again. Repeating sins are like sending out engraved invitations to the DDEs inviting them to return with 7 Worsers (worse buddies). Then the situation could be challenged to be worse than before.

You can overcome all DDEs by operating **IN the Mind of Christ and being led by the Spirit of God** who will make you aware when you sin. So, once you know what sins are behind the challenge(s), then you can confess them immediately (remember in general to confess your sins frequently), RRB, re-establish the Kingdom of God (KOG), recognize the DDEs which are attacking you because of those sins; cast out the DDEs and wash them out with a Three Witness (3W) Cleansing Prayer; continue walking in the Fruit of the Spirit and get back under the protective covering of the anointing.