

That's What You Get For Thinking

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Reading: [2 Kings 5:11-12](#)

Prayer

A. High diving

1. You just have to do it
2. You can't think about it a whole lot or you won't do it at all.

B. That's what you get for thinking: The Story of Naaman

#1 Assumptions

A. "I thought"

1. When Peter started thinking, he started sinking--[Matthew 14:28-29](#)
2. Jacob was a thinker, he was also a stinker--[Genesis 32](#)
3. Assumptions get us in trouble

B. God's thoughts

1. [Isaiah 55:7-9](#)--Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the Lord, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon. "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.
2. Just do it God's way.

#2 What if I do it MY way?

A. "Better Rivers"

1. Always a better mouse trap.
2. Better singing with a piano--[Eph. 5:19](#)--sing with your heart
3. Better worship with food--[1 Corinthians 11](#)--Eat at home!
4. Better life with all the luxuries--[Matthew 16:24](#)--Deny Self

B. Humility

1. Keep it simple.
2. Why all the stuff?
 - a. [James 2:5](#)-- Has God not chosen the poor of this world...
 - b. [1 Peter 3:3-4](#)--Do not let your adornment be merely outward
3. Just do it God's way.

#3 Pride

A. "Wouldn't you do something great?"

1. "Who is the greatest disciple?" [Matthew 18](#)
2. "I will die before I deny you!" [Matthew 26:35](#)

B. Grace

1. [2 Corinthians 12:7-10](#)--And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.
2. [Isaiah 1:18-20](#)--"Come now, and let us reason together," Says the Lord, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool. If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land; But if you refuse and rebel, You shall be devoured by the sword"; For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.
3. All of this does mean to be completely clueless
 - a. [Matthew 7:24-27](#)--there is wisdom in obeying Jesus
 - b. [James 3:13-18](#)--Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.