

Voices – 3

Through out the course of an average day we are
bombarded with 50,000 – 70,000 thoughts
That's 35 to 48 thoughts per minute per person
Research shows that as many as 70% - 80% of those
thoughts are negative

There is a word for this kind of “self talk”

Logorrhea meaning

1. Pathologically incoherent, repetitious speech.
2. Incessant or compulsive talkativeness; wearisome volubility

Most of us think that God never speaks to us, but the truth is God is always speaking, always directing, always protecting, warning, correcting and affirming

The Spirit of God will speak to us with promptings that may not be audible yet in perfect harmony with the scripture

Romans 8:26-27

26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes **intercession for us** with groanings which cannot be uttered . 27 Now **He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is**, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the **will of God**. NKJV

Galatians 4:9

9 But now after you have known God, or rather are **known by God**, how is it that you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage? NKJV

- God is trying to communicate with us on a level that is not of this world
- The clutter and chaos in our minds makes it hard for His signal to get through – **think in the right language**

Stop wishing God would take away the struggles we face for it's in those struggles we overcome the clutter
God wants us to learn to trust His plan not our pain

Philippians 3:8

8 Yet indeed **I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus** my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ. NKJV

This is where the enemy wants to keep us – confused forever questioning God and our purpose

Isaiah 61:7 NKJV

7 Instead of your shame you shall have double honor,
And **instead of confusion** they shall rejoice in their portion.

Everything that has ever existed started with a word spoken by God – **call and response** – **Isaiah 46:10**

“When it comes to hearing God’s voice, identity always comes before activity.” – Steven Furtick

Isaiah 55:3 NKJV

3 Incline your ear, and come to Me.

Hear, and your soul shall live;

And I will make an everlasting covenant with you

Take your thoughts captive

Speak life into your situation – with authority – John 6:63

Endure temptation – resist deception

Receive the good things God has for your life by embracing the truth of His voice!

2 Corinthians 10:5

5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. NKJV

4 things we must remember to quiet the clutter

God says I am – Overpower the *Voice* of your insecurities

God says He will – Overpower the *Voice* of your fears

God says He has – Overpower the *Voice* of condemnation

God says I can – Overpower the *Voice* of discouragement

The voice we choose to believe will determine our future

Most of us go through life hoping that something will turn out right

- Maybe we'll hit the lottery
- Someone will finally pick us for their team and rescue us from this self-inflicted prison

We all need people around us to affirm us, build us up or encourage us but the verbal clutter in our minds take a perfectly good desire and distorts it beyond recognition

So we spend our lives hoping to be good enough, justified or vindicated!

This makes it hard to hear the voice of God which does all of those things for us when we hear Him

Much of the time we have the wrong understanding of what insecurity is

In some ways insecurity is the ultimate insult to God

In fact it is rooted in pride

- We feel that somehow God didn't quite get the job done when He made us
- Or He can't possibly take care of our present situation
- The TRUTH is that all of us struggle with insecurity from time to time

Every one of us needs to know that God chose us not because we get it all right but because He knows us and appointed us

You don't have to do a single thing for God or anyone else to notice you

Jeremiah 1:5

5 Before I formed you in the womb I knew [and] approved of you [as My chosen instrument], and before you were born I separated and set you apart, consecrating you; [and] I appointed you as a prophet to the nations. AMP

- I want you
- I've chosen you
- You belong to me – you always have and always will
- Before you were born I KNEW YOU!

Dads, moms, husbands, wives, friends, neighbors, students, teachers, men and women moving through the marketplace

Serving in churches, contributing to our communities and growing in our relationship with God

Matthew 3:17

17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." NKJV

I am His masterpiece – Ephesians 2:10

I am His workmanship – Ephesians 2:10

I am established and anointed – 2 Corinthians 1:21

I am sealed with His promise – John 6:27

I am redeemed – Colossians 1:14

AT&T Campaign – “Rethink Possible”
“It’s what you do with what we do”

Luke 1:37

37 “For with God nothing will be impossible.” NKJV

Romans 8:37

37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. NKJV

Isaiah 40:31

31 But those who wait on the LORD
Shall renew their strength;
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,
They shall run and not be weary,
They shall walk and not faint. NKJV

Jeremiah 31:3 NKJV

3 The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying:
"Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 NKJV

23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul , and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 8:32

32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." NKJV

Good honest confessions

“I may not like myself at this moment, but I know I am loved”

“I’m not gaining much ground in my present battle, but I am more than a conqueror”

“I may not have a lot of confidence in myself right now, but I am strong and courageous”

“I may not know how to fix this area in my life right now, but I am healed and whole”

“I don’t know how long I may struggle with a particular area of sin, but I am forgiven and free”

I’m not suggesting that just repeating these statements in themselves will guarantee your spiritual success

I’m not suggesting you take your devotion to Christ lightly and expect Him to work in you regardless

What I am saying is that you can not rise above your understanding of your identity in Him and I believe there is unlimited power in the word of God

Stop spending so much energy assessing other peoples assessment of you realign your life with God’s acceptance of you!