

Daily Devotional, February 11, 2021 Keeping a Right Mind

“Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.” 1 Peter 1:13 (NIV)

I was first introduced to the early stages of “contemporary” Christian music around 1971. A few years later, I was introduced to the Christian band “Petra.” Through the ensuing years, I followed their music. One of their songs, “Computer Brains” has come back to my mind a few times recently. These are some of the lyrics:

*Everything that you do and see, one more event in your memory
Every bit takes another bite without control over wrong or right
You must screen every entry made, the consequences must be weighed
The only way to security is every thought in captivity*

*Computer brains, put garbage in, Computer brains, get garbage out
Computer brains, programming you, Computer brains, what can you do? Break out.*

*Are you a user or being used, has your memory been abused?
Take random samples from your mind and analyze what you may
find.*

*You can clear all your memory and be transformed when you find the key
Think on the things that will bring you peace, confusing data soon will cease*

Now I must admit that at the time I was still using a computer with MS Dos and had NO IDEA how computers would change our world. But the concept that “what you put in is what you get out” made perfect sense to me. Many years later I understand how powerful the words and ideas that enter our minds can bring hope and healing or hurt and pain to others. I have chosen to do my best to bring hope and healing. Have you?

Most days when I’m driving my car (which I have to admit is extremely limited right now), I listen to K-LOVE or some other Christian radio station while driving to church or about town. I try to fill my mind with songs that inspire love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (The Fruit of the Spirit). I discover that my words and actions are more encouraging and uplifting when I fill my mind with songs that speak messages of truth and life.

When we read the Scripture that says to have “minds that are alert and sober” I believe we are being called to seek out words and ideas that will build others up, draw us closer to God and lead us toward lives that are filled with purpose and meaning. As people of faith, we have the opportunity to help change the world by offering a glimpse into the impact that Christ has upon our everyday lives when we reflect the meaning and message of God’s love. So, turn up the radio and let God speak to your heart today!

Prayer: Dear God, We pray that you would remind us that that we are all a part of building and expanding your Kingdom. We ask that you give us a fresh vision for your purpose for our lives. We ask that you open our eyes, our ears, our hearts, and our minds to your vision so that we can live out our purpose. Remove anything from our lives that hinders us from discerning your vision. We pray that you would draw us closer to you as you bring us closer to our purpose. Please reveal to us what we need to do today to not run wild, but rather be focused on your great vision. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.