

WHOLESOME

THOUGHTS





2 Peter 3:1

Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking...

**Seeing the world
objectively, as it really is--
not subjectively, as our
emotions might dictate.**



**Change your thoughts and
you change your world.
Norman Vincent Peale**





LET THE WORD SHAPE YOUR THOUGHTS

2 Peter 3:2

I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Savior through your apostles.

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"Do you want to develop wholesome thoughts? Let these words shape your thoughts. Learn to think like the prophets thought. Look at life the way Jesus taught us to. Live the way the apostles teach us to live."





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The world teaches that it doesn't matter what you believe, as long as you're sincere.

The Word teaches that Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life, and there is salvation in none but him.



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The world teaches that truth changes from culture to culture and generation to generation.

The Word teaches that truth transcends time and place and is determined by God, not by popular opinion.



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The world teaches that what's true for you isn't necessarily true for me.

The Word teaches that we are equally responsible and subject to the law of God.



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The world teaches, "Don't get mad, get even."

*The Word teaches to forgive your enemies
and do good to those who harm you.*



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The world teaches "Look out for number one--in other words, yourself."

The Word teaches us to look out for those who can't look out for themselves.

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The Word of God teaches us how to view the world, how to understand the difference between right and wrong, good and bad, truth and error.





BE SKEPTICAL OF SKEPTICS

2 Peter 3:3-4

First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water.

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**Scoffers have a way of
ridiculing hope.**



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Their rejection is not the result of honest intellectual inquiry but, as Peter states, of "following their own evil desires."





SEE EVERY DAY AS A GIFT OF MERCY

2 Peter 3:8-9

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: with the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.



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2 Peter 3:15

Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation...

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In Africa alone adult conservative Christians increase at the rate of 16,173 per day.



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You have today.



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Since God is patient with the human race, we need to be also.



We celebrate every single day as a gift of mercy from our loving Father in heaven -- and we share that mercy with the world around us.

