

Mama's Talk to David & Techí on Daydreaming!

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1. Isn't that something, children? Isn't that a good picture the Lord gave us about daydreaming? How when you daydream, it's just as if your mind is out playing, out doing its own thing, wandering off on its own, doing whatever it wants to do, so how is it going to be of any use or good for the Lord that way? How are you going to be part of the team, part of the army for the Lord if your mind & thoughts are not controlled or disciplined? Do you know what your mind will grow up being like?—Just like your body or your whole self will be like if it doesn't get disciplined.

2. What would happen to you if you grew up without ever being punished or disciplined or corrected, what would you be like? (Techí: I would be like Hell!) That's right, like Hell, you'd both be spoiled, terrible, brats. (Techí: Like teen terrors!) Yes, exactly! Just like Grandpa said in that letter (No.1512), you'd be a little teen terror! (Techí: Worse than a teen terror! Because they did have some correction.) (David: They were Family boys, so just think of what System boys could be like!) Do you

know how you'd be if you were never corrected?—That's exactly how you'd be—a spoiled brat! Nobody would like you, you'd be hard to live with, nobody could get along with you, you'd hardly even like yourself! You'd get away with all kinds of bad behaviour & nobody would correct you!

3. Well, that's how your mind is going to be unless it's corrected! Your mind is going to grow up to be a spoiled brat, if it doesn't get trained & properly disciplined—If it just does whatever it wants to do, never getting corrected, just wandering off doing anything it wants to do, & breaking all the rules, just getting itself into trouble thinking about all kinds of things it shouldn't even be thinking about, & wasting all kinds of time, not redeeming the time at all. Your mind's going to be just like bad System kids we've seen before. Have you seen those System kids on video talking foolishly to each other or not working at all to help their parents, just sitting around playing crazy games all the time, little undisciplined brats getting away with everything? That's how your mind would be without being disciplined & trained, see?

4. So just like if your body & behaviour are not corrected & disciplined & controlled, & turn out bad, in the same way your mind is going to grow up to be naughty & rebellious & disobedient too! You know how the Bible says, "Bringing every thought into captivity." (2Cor.10:5)—That's what happens when you're disciplined. When somebody says, "Techí, you come in here now & get your work done & stop playing around!", they're capturing you, "bringing you into captivity", right? It would be like taking a little wild animal out of the jungle & bringing it inside & putting it in a cage & saying, "Now you stay here & be good!" That's what capturing is, that's what captivity means, like capturing you out of the jungle. That's what people do to capture wild animals. Even the children of Israel in the Bible were in captivity, they were captured or "taken captive" by their enemies & taken away & put in a place where they couldn't leave & were made to work very hard. (Techí: They put them to work, work, work!) That's right, that's like bringing them into captivity & controlling them & making them work.

5. I don't want to keep you up too late, kids. Techí, are you listening? (Techí: Yes.) So you have to ask Jesus to help you

control your mind & bring every thought into captivity. David got a lot of good victories when he had prayer against daydreaming & now he can concentrate so much better. Do you see, Tech1, how first thing in the morning he gets his Word project out & he really gets into it & studies? You do better now on concentrating on it with the Lord's help, don't you, David? So we've learned you have to really pray because it's a fight, isn't it? David, wasn't it a fight even after you prayed, for awhile, to get into a good habit every time you wanted to look out the window or think about something else? You had to say to your mind, "Mind, now come back here & behave yourself & look at what you're supposed to be doing!" You had to think about it, & concentrate, right?

6. That's just what you have to do! You don't have to actually say it, although it might be a good idea, but you have to fight against letting your mind wander & pull your mind back! "Come here, Mind! Come over here, this is what you're supposed to be doing!" Right, David? (David: It used to be sometimes so bad in prayer that I would open my eyes a quarter of the way just to remind me that we're still praying.) You were even so far away that you didn't even hear the prayer any more? (David: Yes, well, it would be off & on. I'd hear most of the prayer, so when I opened my eyes & saw everybody holding hands, it would remind me that everybody was still praying. Then afterwards Auntie Sara showed me that I wasn't attacking the problem & it was also that I wasn't applying myself much. It wasn't just the Devil's fault.)

7. We have to try too, don't we? We have to resist it & fight it & train our minds to obey! See, the first time Tech1 read her Dally Might, she didn't even know what in the world she'd just read! But when you went back & read it the second time, you really concentrated, didn't you? You really studied it & looked to see what it said, & when I asked you if you could summarise what it said, then you were able to tell me. So that first time was the little spoiled brat mind, not obeying, wasn't it? Your mind wasn't controlled or disciplined, but then when you gave it a good spanking & you said, "Mind, now look at what you are supposed to be doing & listen to what you are doing & get back here & obey," then when you read your Dally Might the second time, you knew what it was saying to you, right? You had to bring every little thought into captivity to obey & concentrate.

8. So you must learn to really concentrate & pray & ask Jesus to help you, Tech1. It's

a big fight, did you know that? A lot of adults in our Family were the same way all their lives before they joined the Family, until they were 17, 18, 19 or 20 years old! Even when they were in school or college they were supposed to be studying, but they had formed a bad habit of daydreaming, thinking of everything else, & letting their minds wander. Many adults have suffered for so many years from letting their minds wander & just wasted so much time & gotten into such a bad habit that it's very hard for them to get rid of it now! But you children don't want to be like that, do you?

9. You want to start getting the victory now & fight any bad habits & have a head start, because we don't have that much time left in this life! I shouldn't be preaching to you poor children so late at night, you're so tired. (Tech1: No, Mommy, no Mommy! Please go on!) (David: We're OK!) Children have a big temptation to get into daydreaming a lot because they often have free time, so they have a big temptation to just daydream their time away & let their minds wander. That's one good thing about System school, because in System school you have to sit & work & concentrate hour after hour & you know afterwards you'll have a test! You do change classes—one hour you're in one classroom, then the next hour you walk to another classroom, then the next hour to another classroom—and the teachers make you sit right there at a desk to study & then they ask you questions & you have to answer. Or they often make you take a test. So System school can be good in some ways because at least it disciplines you, it makes you study & think & look at what you're doing because you sure don't want to fail your tests & classes that school year, because then all your classmates would go on to the next grade but you'd have to stay behind & repeat the same tests & classes again! Students in System school have to really work at their studies & lessons or they fail!

10. That's why tests are good for you, because they make you concentrate & study & discipline your mind to think! Maybe we should have more tests! Would you like to have more tests on the things you read? Maybe that will help you to buckle down & try harder! (Tech1: How, Mommy? On a piece of paper every time?) Not always, sometimes we can have verbal tests, you know, like the way you told me what you'd read & answered the questions I asked you about what you were reading. Your workbooks are sort of like that too, your workbooks make you think about what you've read & then write it down.

They make you concentrate because you have to get an answer & write it in the blank. (Techi: The first page tells you. It says like 'Antonyms are the opposite' & then they tell you about antonyms & then the next page they say 'What are antonyms called?' & then they make you think 'What are antonyms, what did I just read? Oh yes, I read they are opposites', then you write it out. That's what they do in lots of my books.) Yes, & that helps you to learn!

11. Are you children now going to try to say, "Mind, I'm going to discipline you today & you're not going to run off doing whatever you please & go out & play ball or go out & swing in the yard when you're supposed to be working. You're going to sit right here & concentrate & work!" OK, then let's pray & ask the Lord to help you!

12. Do you want to listen to my prayer? OK, I'll pray, but you be sure to listen & pray along. In Jesus' name, Lord, bless these sweet precious children that are Yours & trying to be yielded & obedient to Your will. They've been such a blessing, Lord, to us & to so many. Help them now as they go to sleep. Bless them both, Lord, especially strengthen David in his tummy & give him the sleep he needs. And Techy too, even though she doesn't think she's too tired, Lord, she's yawning & she's lost some sleep lately, so help her to go to sleep if she can. If it's Your will, Lord, for her to go right now to sleep, help her to try & see if it is & give You a chance to show her what Your will is.

13. Bless them & help them as they read Thy Word to bring every thought into captivity! We really ask You to help them, Jesus, so they can redeem the time, so they can get what You have for them out of Your Word, instead of letting their minds go out & play when You're trying to talk to them! Help them to tell their mind, "Now, Mind, I just rebuke this daydreaming in Jesus' name! I resist all these other thoughts & other activities. Please help me to concentrate on Your Word without getting distracted, Lord." Lord, help them to make it a good habit no matter how often they have to say that, no matter how often they have to pull their minds back, to just keep doing it, Lord, then they'll form a good habit, where after a while they won't have to keep doing it so often any more & they'll start being able to concentrate & study & not get distracted so easily.

14. So help them to realise how important it is, Lord, that they discipline their minds. Just like if they had a little baby, Lord, just like if they were taking care of

Mary Dear.—She's at the age where you have to discipline her & help teach her in every way to know what to do & how to do it. Help them to realise their mind is like their own little baby & they have to raise it the right way as it grows & discipline it or they'll be a delinquent parent! Please help them to really try & really fight to control every thought, Lord, & to ask You to help them to know what to do & how to do it, so their mind isn't always playing around & wandering off on its own, but is doing really important things & obeying & concentrating on Your Word!

15. Help them to know that they do have a baby, their little mind that they have to grow up, & they have to train & control & discipline & tell it what to do. Help the children to do that, Lord, & that will show they're good parents & they're not delinquent & then they can be trusted with more responsibility & even the care of real children, Lord, other children. So help them to treat their little mind like a little child that has to be disciplined, because it won't do it unless they teach it & help it, Lord. You help them to do that, in Jesus' name.

16. And give them a good rest tonight & sweet dreams, in Jesus' name, amen. Shall we pray together? (They pray together "Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep").



"For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life & peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God."

(Rom. 8:6-8)

"Commit thy works unto the Lord, & thy thoughts shall be established."

(Pro. 16:3)

VERSES ON THE MIND!

1CHRON. 16:15 Be ye mindful always of His covenant; the Word which He commanded to a thousand generations.

1CHRON. 28:9 And thou Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, serve Him with a perfect heart & with a willing mind: for the Lord searcheth all hearts, & understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek Him, He shall be found of thee; but if thou forsake Him, He will cast thee off for ever.

ISA. 26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee.

NEH. 4:6 So built we the wall; & all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

MARK 12:30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, & with all thy soul, & with all thy mind, & with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

(Also, **MT. 22:37**, **LUKE 10:27**)

ACTS 17:11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, & searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

ROM. 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient.

ROM. 12:2 And be not conformed to this World: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, & acceptable, & perfect, will of God.

2 COR. 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ.

2 COR. 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, Who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

2 COR. 10:4-6 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;) Casting down imaginings, & every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, & bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

2 COR. 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

EPH. 4:22-24 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness & true holiness.

PHIL. 2:2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

PHIL. 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts & minds through Christ Jesus.

2 TIM. 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power & of love, & of a sound mind.

TIT. 2:6 Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded.

HEB. 11:15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

ROM. 8:6-8 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life & peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

ROM. 15:5, 6 Now the God of patience & consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: That ye may with one mind & one mouth glorify

God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ROM. 7:18, 22-25 For I know that in me (that is in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, & bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

1 COR. 1:10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, & that there be no divisions among you; but that ye

be perfectly joined together in the same mind & in the same judgment.

JAM. 1:8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

JAM. 4:8 Draw nigh to God & He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; & purify your hearts, ye double minded.

1 PET. 1:13-15 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, & hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

2 PET. 3:2 That ye be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, & of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord & Saviour.

VERSES ON THOUGHTS!

PSA. 10:4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.

PSA. 19:14 Let the words of my mouth, & the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Strength, & my Redeemer.

PSA. 94:11, 19 The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity. In the multitude of my thoughts within me Thy comforts delight my soul.

PSA. 119:113 I hate vain thoughts, but Thy law do I love.

PSA. 139:23 Search me, O God, & know my heart: try me, & know my thoughts.

PROV. 6:18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, (one of the seven abominations the Lord hates.)

PROV. 12:5 The thoughts of the righteous are right: but the counsels of the wicked are deceit.

PROV. 15:26 The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the Lord: but the words of the pure are

pleasant words.

PROV. 21:5 The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness; but of every one that is hasty only to want.

PROV. 25:28 He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, & without walls.

ISA. 55:7, 8 Let the wicked forsake his way, & the unrighteous man his thoughts: & let him return unto the Lord, & He will have mercy upon him: & to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord.

PROV. 16:13 Commit thy works unto the Lord, & thy thoughts shall be established.

PROV. 23:7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he.

PHIL. 4:8 ...if there be any virtue & if there be any praise, think on these things.

HEB. 4:12 For the word of God...is a discerner of the thoughts & intents of the heart.