

I. What the Christian Mind is NOT!

- A. The Christian mind is not just thinking by Christians or just thinking about Christian things.
- B. The Christian mind is not just categorizing all things as right or wrong
- C. The Christian mind is not just employing a Christian line of clichés
- D. The Christian mind is not just supporting Christian causes and issues
- E. The Christian mind is not just memorizing Scripture, or having a quiet time, or asserting Christian doctrines and a correct system of theology

I. What the Christian Mind IS!

- A. The Christian mind is a way of thinking about the issues and areas of life on the basis of the fundamental assumptions and teachings of Scripture.
- B. The Christian mind is a way of seeing the world and life within it from a distinctively theistic and biblical point of view.
- C. The Christian mind is a spiritual and intellectual condition of mind and heart whereby the totality of things is viewed and interpreted through the grid of the biblical themes of creation, fall, and redemption.
- D. The Christian mind is grounded in objective truth rooted in God and revealed in creation, humanity, Christ, and Scripture.
- E. The Christian mind is wholistic in nature, addressing the totality of life and not just some narrow religious sphere (there is a Christian mind on art, politics, journalism, agriculture, social science, homemaking, plumbing, money, clothes, food, scholarship, etc.).
- F. The Christian mind honors the creation and its cosmic redemption in Christ and is characterized by a sacramental cast that regards the ordinary things of everyday life as spiritually significant, rather than trying to live on a super-spiritual, anti-creational or non-creation plane divorced from God's very good world.
- G. The Christian mind is not for intellectuals only, nor a head-trip for egg-heads, but is for all serious and thoughtful believers who desire to love God with their minds (Matt. 22: 37), who seek the mind of the Christ (1 Cor. 2: 16) and who desire to grow into the measure of the stature that belongs to the fullness of Him (Eph. 4: 13).