

First Place in Your Thoughts

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To have a right perspective in life, we must prioritize our thoughts with humility, God's grace, Jesus Christ, the Scriptures, the afflictions of the godly, and the glory of the eternal world.

Scripture: Ephesians 2:8, James 4:10

Topics: "Compassion", "Grace", "Humility"

Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the importance of prioritizing certain thoughts in our lives. He urges us to reflect on our sins to foster humility, recognize God's grace to inspire submission, and focus on Jesus Christ for strength in our duties. Additionally, he highlights the significance of the Scriptures as a guiding light and the afflictions of others to cultivate compassion. Finally, he encourages contemplation of eternal glory to fortify us against temptations.

Transcript

Friends, these things must have first place in your thoughts:

1. Your sins--to humble you and abase you before God.
2. God's free and rich and sovereign grace--to soften and melt you down into submission to His holy will.
3. The Lord Jesus Christ--to assist, help, strengthen, and influence you in all your duties and services.
4. The blessed Scriptures--to guide you and lead you, "and to be a lamp unto your feet, and a light unto your paths."
5. The afflictions of the godly--to draw out your charity, mercy, pity, sympathy and compassion to men in misery.
6. The glory and happiness of the eternal world--to arm you and steel you against all your sins, snares and temptations.

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