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thinking?*

KINDNESS AND TRUTH WILL  
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GOOD.

*Proverbs 14:22*

## ***What are you thinking?***

Our minds are active every day, moment by moment. Our thoughts constantly turn to the things on our minds, our family, the past or the future, our plans, and desires. **God created us rational beings, gave us the ability to think, and also made us responsible for the quality and content of our thoughts. In other words, we are responsible for what we think to the same extent that we are accountable for our actions because it is, after all, thoughts that give rise to actions, attitudes, and words.**

Christians in Ephesus: "So I say this, and affirm in the Lord, that you are to no longer walk just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their minds" (4:17) "and that you are to be renewed in the spirit of your minds" (4:23). But if we have such a great responsibility, how can we make sure that we are thinking right, and most of all, that we think as God intends? The Bible repeatedly talks about man's thoughts and divides them into good and bad ones. Keeping the same tone, Proverbs 14:22 warns us: "Will they who devise evil not go astray? But kindness and truth will be to those who devise good."

### 1. "Will they who devise evil not go astray?"

The first truth that this phrase captures is that evil thoughts have a direct consequence on man's ways and ultimately lead to wandering. You may display a benevolent attitude, strive to externalize good behavior, and try to be a moral person and take initiative to do the right thing. Still, you will go astray if you have evil thoughts in your heart and contemplate iniquity. Do not allow your mind to conceive evil, dwell on it, or think evil of others. You will find those evil thoughts produce bitterness, sorrow, and sin, and that you change under their influence. Don't underestimate their power, nor become entangled with them.

**Not thinking evil thoughts is not just motivational advice from the thousands of self-help books on reducing anxiety or depression. It is God's command to each of His children** because He created us to have our minds preoccupied with whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, any excellence and anything worthy of praise." (Philippians 4:8)

### 2. "But kindness and truth will be to those who devise good."

What a striking contrast! Those who devise evil "go astray," and those who plan good find kindness and truth. People who think/devise good are active, involved, and diligent in their work. Not only do they work, but they do it with kindness and faithfulness. Without neglect, without grumbling. Aware that the mind, left to its own devices, is not a factory of good thoughts, they do not let it wander but keep it active and busy for a good cause. Yes, our mind is not a factory of good thoughts; on the contrary, the Bible says that "the heart is... desperately sick" (Jeremiah 17:9). That's why it's essential that, in addition to keeping your mind busy with good things, you choose the right sources from which to feed your mind. "I will meditate on Your precepts," said the psalmist (Ps. 119:15). **Feed your mind with God's Word, and you will learn to think good thoughts. Squeeze His Word into your heart, and you will not go astray. Those who think good thoughts are those who trust God and His goodness. That's why they don't imagine doomsday scenarios or let worry get the better of them.** They don't think too often about how much harm has been done to them but how much good they can do. Those who think good

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## Meet our professors!



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*Associate Professor Dr. Zsolt Garai*

Since my studies at the Academy of Music in Cluj-Napoca, I have been interested in religious/church music, mainly since my studies focused on the "queen of instruments," the organ, and later - composition. Among the representative events in this direction were the summer courses of conducting and organ lessons in Budapest, where I had the opportunity to participate from a very young age and which, through outstanding and consecrated people, left their mark on my entire later ministry.

Almost 15 years ago, when Brother Nicolae Bica called me to get involved in the ministry at the EUO, I had already taken the exam for the teaching position at the Art High School in Arad. **But I felt that EUO was the place where I could develop both professionally and spiritually and where I could use the talent, He had entrusted to me for the glory of God.**

As the motto of the EUO says: integrity, excellence, and passion are the keywords for all my work here. If you don't have integrity, you can't excel, and passion for the Lord helps you to excel in the field to which you are called.

By the grace of the Lord, I have a wonderful wife who supports me in ministry, three healthy boys entrusted to us for a time to raise them in the fear of Him, and not much time left for hobbies.

**Associate Professor Dr. Zsolt Garai**



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*Pastoral Baptist Theology Class of 2019*

**I learned about Emanuel University of Oradea as a young child.** But after finishing high school, according to God's divine plan, I started studying computer science. At that time, I realized I had missed the chance to learn in such a special place as Emanuel University. But things didn't stay that way because "everything He makes beautiful in His time." Unexpectedly, the time came to study theology, and I came to Emanuel University eager to be surprised by God. And this has happened.

**I was welcomed into a family that senses when it's clear or stormy. I arrived in a place run by the absolute values of the Bible and where they study for the glory of God, not for the glory of man.** I found a place where you learn to do evangelism by be taught how to be a disciple. I've come to a place where there is the peace of God because it's made up of people at peace with Him. I have found a place where I can know God more. All because "God is with us."

***Ștefi Păcurar, Pastoral Baptist Theology Class of 2019***

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## **We invite you to read!**

**Dear contributors, today we invite you to read the first in a series of articles discussing topical issues in the life of faith, evangelism, and mission.**

GPT chat, algorithms, artificial intelligence... In the context of the life of faith, can we talk about the fruits of technology today? Can they be put into the service of a Christian mission? Find the answer to these questions by reading the article *Algorithms in Mission* by lecturer Dr. Călin Taloș. Here is a short excerpt:

*Algorithms can construct, in two beats and without lifting a finger, on demand, serial sermons in the spirit of C. Spurgeon or the style of John MacArthur,*

*subtly lit bulbs instead of eyes look like in the pulpit, instantly crafting and declaiming a Christocentric message based on the book of Esther in correlation with Daniel's prophecy?*

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