

3ABN SABBATH SCHOOL PANEL
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MIND IMPLANT OF MIND SURGERY?

An increasing number of companies around the world are working on technology that combines the processing power of computers with the human brain. In other words, by hooking up minds to computers, scientists hope to impact our thoughts through the computers. Although implant use with the human brain may promise positive results, which include helping to manage epilepsy, depression, and Parkinson's disease, more sinister uses are not difficult to imagine. Mind control cannot be far away.

Read Philippians 2:5. What do you think it means to have the “mind” of Christ?

Philippians 2:5 (NKJV) “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.”

1. It Means Having a Spirit of Humility

Explanation:

To have the mind of Christ is to reject pride and self-promotion. Jesus—though equal with God—**“made Himself of no reputation” (Philippians 2:7)**. His humility was not weakness, but strength under submission.

Scriptures:

- **Philippians 2:6–7 — “Who, being in the form of God... made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant.”**
- **Matthew 11:29 — “Learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.”**
- **James 4:6 — “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”**

Lesson:

The mind of Christ empties self of pride so that love can reign.
True greatness begins with humility before God.

Proverbs 15:33 NKJV “The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom, and before honor is humility.”

2. It Means Embracing Servanthood Over Status

Explanation:

Christ's mind was not focused on being served, but on serving others. He demonstrated that the highest honor in God's kingdom is found in service, not superiority.

Scriptures:

- **Mark 10:45** — “The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”
- **John 13:14–15** — “If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.”

Lesson:

To have the mind of Christ is to measure success by how much we give, not how much we gain. A Christlike mind sees people, not positions.

3. It Means Living in Obedience to God’s Will

Explanation:

Jesus’ thoughts were always aligned with the Father’s purpose. Even when obedience meant suffering or sacrifice, He yielded, saying, **“Not My will, but Yours be done.”**

Scriptures:

- **Philippians 2:8** — “He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”
- **John 4:34** — “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me.”
- **Hebrews 5:8** — “Though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.”

Lesson:

The mind of Christ submits fully to God’s direction—even when the path leads through the cross. Obedience is the fruit of surrendered thinking.

4. It Means Demonstrating Selfless Love and Compassion

Explanation:

Christ’s thoughts were governed by love—toward sinners, toward the suffering, and toward His enemies. To have His mind means to think redemptively about others, seeking their salvation, not their condemnation.

Scriptures:

- **Luke 23:34** — “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.”
- **John 13:34** — “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.”
- **Romans 5:8** — “While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Lesson:

The mind of Christ looks beyond offenses and sees eternal souls. It is a mind trained to love when it would be easier to retaliate.

5. It Means Thinking Eternally, Not Temporarily**Explanation:**

Jesus' decisions were guided by eternal purpose, not earthly gain. His mind was fixed on the Father's glory and the joy of redeeming humanity.

Scriptures:

- **Hebrews 12:2** — “Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame.”
- **Colossians 3:2** — “Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.”
- **John 17:4** — “I have glorified You on the earth; I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.”

Lesson:

The mind of Christ looks beyond the present to the eternal. It weighs choices by their heavenly value, not their earthly comfort.

- To have the mind of Christ means to think, feel, and act with His humility, obedience, love, and eternal focus.
- It is not merely copying Christ's behavior—but allowing His Spirit to transform our thinking so His thoughts become our thoughts.
- **Am I allowing pride or self-interest to shape my thoughts?**
- **Do I approach people with the same compassion Christ showed?**
- **Do I submit my plans to God's will, even when it costs me?**
- **Do I think with eternity in view?**