



NEW COVENANT CHURCH

The Masterpiece Mindset



PART TWO

Next Level Thinking

*For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus,
so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.*

Ephesians 2:10

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Mark 12:30

'And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. 31 "And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."



The NT Greek word is: $\delta\iota\acute{\alpha}\nu\omicron\iota\alpha$ (dianoia)

The mind as a faculty of understanding,
feeling, desiring, understanding

“A thinking over,” a way of thinking and
feeling; thoughts, either good or bad




**Jesus will take you into
Next Level Thinking
if you want to go**

Matthew 16:13

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"

14 So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."



We're living in an age of low-level understanding, coming from inaccurate or insufficient information, without spiritual discernment, leading to **“low information people.”**

Next Level Thinking Requires Next Level Understanding

Acts 17:11, *Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and **examined the Scriptures every day** to see if what Paul said was true*

Some things need to
percolate, resonate,
and develop within us.
Like good coffee!



Like chess pie!



What is the Mind of Christ?

1 Corinthians 2:14, *But the **natural man** does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But **he who is spiritual** judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. 16 For "Who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" **But we have the mind of Christ.***

Paul identifies two kinds of people.

Locate yourself:



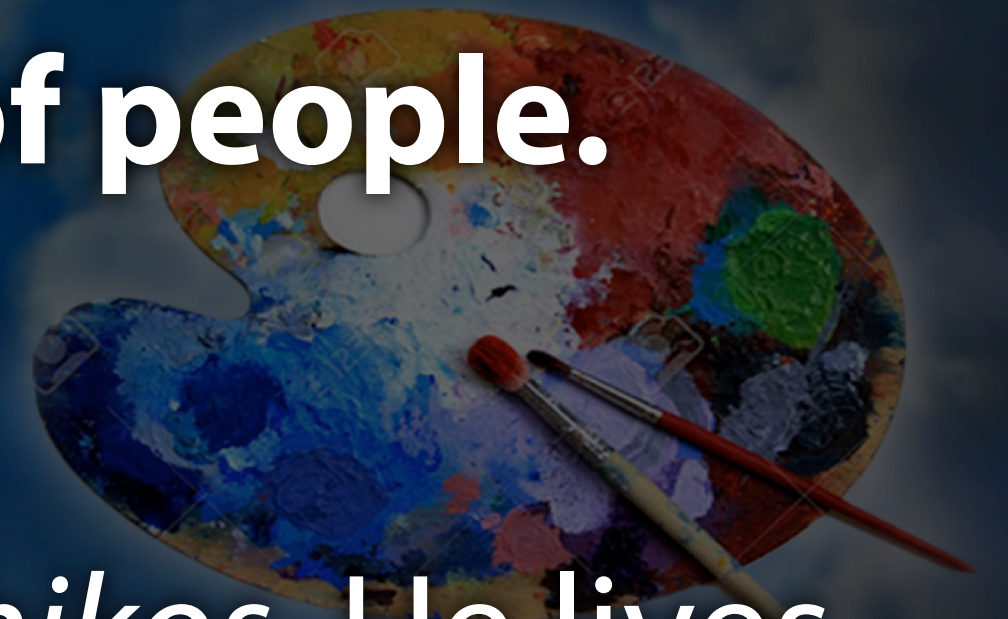
There is the person who is *pneumatikos*.


Pneuma is the word for Spirit. The person who is *pneumatikos* is **sensitive to the Spirit** and whose life is guided by the Spirit.

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There is the person who is *psuchikos*. He lives as if there was nothing beyond physical life and there were no needs other than material needs, whose values are all physical and material.





**When we learn to think on a higher level,
we are empowered to live on a higher level.**

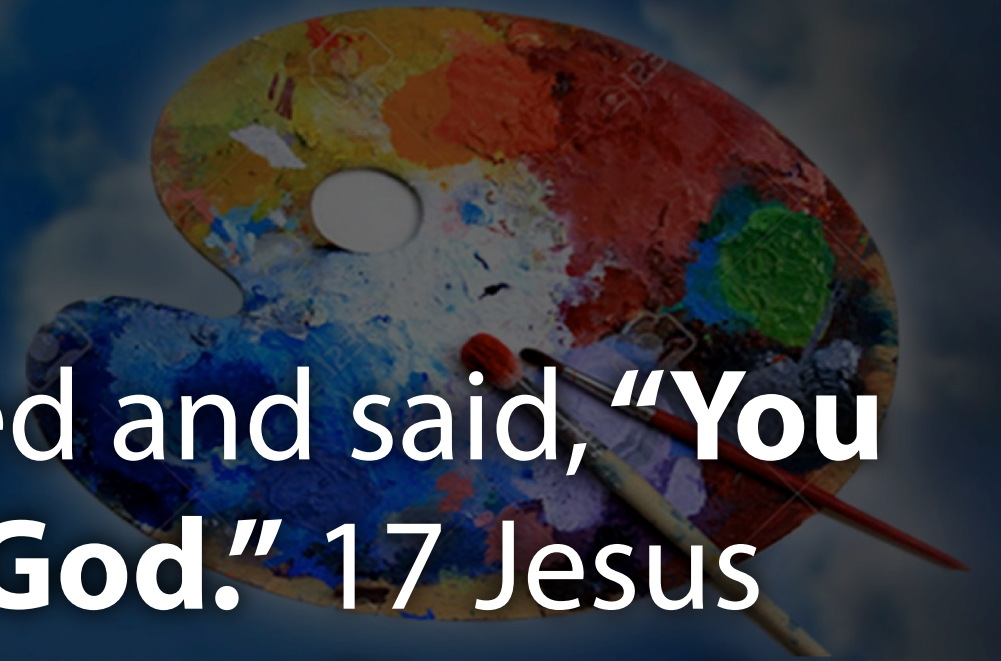
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Matthew 16:13, *“Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?”* 14 *So they said, “Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”* 15 *He said to them, “**But who do you say that I am?**”*



PETER GOT IT!

Matthew 16:16, Simon Peter answered and said, **“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”** 17 Jesus answered and said to him, **“Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.”**



Peter Moved Into Next Level Thinking

We Can Go There!

We become as informed as we can, get the best information from the best sources, but when it's all said and done, we lean into God to say, "Lord, help me because I can't do all things by myself. I can't figure it out by myself."