## SELECTIVE THINKING Part 2 By Pastor Fred Mendoza

## JAN 19 & 20, 2019 TABLETALK (For family devotions and Life Group discussions)

## Introduction:

Text: Phil. 2:5 (NKJV)

- A. Diagnostic PROGNOSIS of the human mind
  - 1. The original mind was God-like or <u>divine</u> (Gen. 1:26-27).
  - But the mind degenerated from a divine to a <u>dead</u> condition because of sin. The mind's downfall:
    - a. The mind was **<u>decieved</u>** (Gen. 3:1-6).
    - b. The mind was **decay** (Gen. 6:5-6, 11-12).
    - c. The mind was darken (Rom. 1:18-22, 28-32).
    - d. The mind became **<u>dead</u>** (Eph. 2:1-3).
  - 3. DIAGNOSIS: As a result of sin, the mind degenerated from being divine to being spiritually dead.

## **B. Proven PANACEA for mental health**

- 1. Personal diagnostic questions:
  - a. Am I truly at **peace** with myself, with my conscience, and with God?
  - b. Am I truly content and joyful in my present condition?
  - c. Am I using pleasure to **escape** from the heavy burden of my hectic and over-busy life?
  - d. Does my desire to keep raising my physical comfort zone get **greater** attention than my desire to rise higher in my spiritual condition before God?
  - e. Am I attempting the impossible to enjoy real rest and peace of mind in my **sinful** or backslidden condition before God?
- C. Pertinent PROCESS for mental health
  - 1. Change your mind (Mark 1:15).
  - 2. **Focus** your mind (Col. 3:2-4).
  - 3. **<u>Steady</u>** your mind (Isaiah 26:3-4).
  - 4. Be <u>Christlike</u> in your mind (Phil. 2:5-11 NKJV).
- **Conclusion:**

1. Read: Genesis 1:26-27; 6:1-6; Ephesian 2:1-3. The devil's deception of Eve (Gen. 6:1-6) doomed the human mind from being Godlike or divine (Gen. 1:26-27) to being spiritually dead (Eph. 2:1-3).

2. What are the devil's deceptions today that deteriorate and deaden the mind? Review your personal experiences prior and after your conversion to Christ.

- 3. Review the five personal diagnostic questions under PANACEA for mental health in the sermon outline.
  - a. Which of these diagnostic questions reveal(s) possible deficiency in your mental life, to prepare you for the PROCESS for mental health in the sermon outline?

b. Go over the four-point process for mental health and determine what applies to you at this time.

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