BANIST CHURCY

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6:30p Bible Study: Pastor Chip Luter

## "Faith That Thinks - Navigating Truth In A Twisted World"

"We don't just live our faith; we think our faith." – Francis Schaeffer

## T.H.I.N.K. Framework For Thinking Biblically

## Everything

- o Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22; 1 John 4:1; Proverbs 18:17
- o Test what you see, hear, and believe against God's truth.
- o Don't just believe things because they sound good or come from someone popular.
- Ask yourself: "Does this align with God's truth or just human opinion?"

#### on to What is True

- o Scripture: Philippians 4:8; John 8:31-32; Psalm 119:9-16
- o Stay focused on what is true, pure, and godly, especially when the world around you isn't.
- Ask yourself: "What do I think it means to hold on to truth when everyone else is going in a different direction?"
- o Ask yourself: "How can I train my mind to think on things that are true, pure, and good?"

## with Scripture

- o Scripture: Acts 17:11; Colossians 2:6-8; 2 Timothy 3:15-17
- Don't take everything at face value. Be like the Bereans-check everything against God's Word.
- Ask yourself: "Is this shaping my thinking in a way that honors God? Does this align with Scripture or challenge it?"
- Recommendation: 3D [Discover Discern Decide] Media Guide from Walt Mueller (cpyu.org)

#### Life with Wisdom

- o Scripture: Proverbs 14:15; Romans 12:2; Ephesians 5:15-17
- o Wisdom helps you see through the noise. Not everything that sounds right is right.
- Use wisdom and spiritual discernment to make daily choices, especially in a world of media and mixed messages.
- Ask yourself: "What are some red flags that show me something might not line up with God's Word?"

### What You Believe & Why

- o Scriptures: 1 Peter 3:15-16; Acts 4:18-20; Romans 1:16-17
- o Own your faith. Be ready to explain it when challenged or guestioned.

# **Living It Out: Putting Faith That Thinks Into Practice**

- > Ask daily: "What does God think about what I just saw, heard, or shared?"
- > Apply the **T.H.I.N.K.** filter to what you listen to, watch, post, and believe.
- > Discuss challenging topics with a trusted believer, not in isolation.
- > Try a short **media fast** (10-15 days) to reset your perspective and notice how it changes your mindset.
- > Reflect: What truth from this lesson challenged you most?
- > Choose one verse from today's study to memorize and pray through this week, asking God for wisdom and discernment.

### **The Bottom Line**

You make thousands of decisions every day. Most of them are small, but together they shape your direction. Let your faith *think*, so your life reflects Christ.

Thinking faith isn't weak faith-it's wise faith.

<u>Notes</u>	

"Right thinking leads to right living." – Charles Spurgeon