

# Ambassadors

## Lesson 1



# Thinking and Doing Right

*Welcome to the Ambassadors Program!*

*We're glad that you have decided to invest in your own spiritual growth. The first lesson you go through is one that will allow you to know how serious you are about growing and leading for Jesus Christ. Make sure you get with your Mentor to go over it with him/her before they enter it online.*

We at KAA love you and appreciate you. Count on us praying for you and cheering you on during this time.

## Do you know what determines the kind of person you will be?

It has nothing to do with your looks, how much money you have or even how smart you may think you are. What determines the kind of person you will be is based upon how you **think** and what you **believe**.

Proverbs 23:7 is an important verse for you to memorize. It states, **“As a person thinks in his heart, so he is.”**

When we think **Christ-like thoughts**, we **do Christ-like things**, we will have **Christ-like feelings** because of it. Equally so, when you have wrong thoughts you will do wrong things, and have the wrong feelings about it – though you may not feel that way instantly. Are you feeling me?



Let me take you back to the beginning – Genesis 3. I'm not going to spend a lot of time on this because many of you should be very familiar with this passage. However, there is an incident that takes place that clarifies what we have been talking about. So open your Bibles and turn to Genesis 3 and read verses 1-6. Pay close attention to verses 4-6.

Satan and Eve are having a conversation (some of you know what that's like. Be careful not to hold conversations with Satan – he's smarter than you, believe it!). He told Eve that God was holding out on her and that if she ate of the fruit she could become like God. Verse 6 tells us that Eve and Adam's wrong thinking caused them to sin against God and their lives took a turn for the worst. They could have had God's very best for them but **wrong thinking led to wrong decisions and resulted in wrong feelings**. Are you following this?

Let's investigate further. **Where do wrong thoughts come from?** Wrong thoughts come from Satan or the flesh. Satan puts wrong thoughts in people's minds to keep them from believing in Jesus Christ and being saved from their sin. The Bible says, **"...the god of this world (Satan) has blinded the minds of them which do not believe..."**  
-2 Corinthians 4:4.

According to the above verse, this means that the things of this world are under Satan's control and are a part of his world-system. Now let's define the **"things of this world."** Turn to 1 John 2:15-17. (*Don't complain, this is a Bible study. I'm not going to write out all of the verses.*)

According to this passage, where would you categorize (put in an order) the following:

- Movies or TV shows that cause us to sin or have sinful thoughts
- Sexually explicit lyrics
- Movies with a bunch of profanity in it, sex and unnecessary violence
- Sexually charged videos with people shaking everything like they have poison ivy
- Good grades through cheating
- I gotta have it because everybody else got it mentality
- ME First (self-centered) attitude



Satan uses the world-system to put wrong thoughts into our minds. The world says that the things that make a person worth something are their good looks, their intelligence or how much cheddar, loot, cash they're rolling with. Nah! The world says your net-worth determines your self-worth (*wrong thinking*).

**God says your value is determined by His divine creation of you.** If you're Hispanic, African-American, Native American, Asian, Anglo, Mixed, East Indian or whatever melting pot you have been blessed to come from... you are not a mistake. **How can I say that? Because God doesn't make mistakes.** To say that God made a mistake is wrong thinking. He could not be perfect or a Mighty God if He did.

*Christ-like thoughts lead to Christ-like actions and Christ-like feelings.*

Begin thinking right thoughts now. Understand that God loves you and respects you. He wants you to be His child forever.



When you realize how much God loves you, it will make you want to love Him with all your heart. That is what God wants you to do. 1 John 4:19 says **"We love Him, because He first loved us."** Right thinking began with God first and He wants to pass that kind of thinking on to you.

We will be talking about this at another time so get it into your mind. Finish the **Think About It sheet**, then meet with an adult mentor to go over it with you.

**Now watch this Supplemental Video about your lesson:**

[https://youtu.be/l\\_dXD7AGRlq](https://youtu.be/l_dXD7AGRlq)

# Think About It



Click here if you are taking your quiz online, then send the email you receive to your mentor to grade and discuss: <https://forms.gle/g8boz5XoeYpVkJzq5>

Complete this assignment and set up a time to meet with an adult mentor who will go over this with you. Mentor, after you have graded this lesson using the Answer Key, please enter the lesson online using the links that were sent in order to receive credit. Thanks.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What determines the kind of person that you will be?
2. In Genesis 3, why did Adam and Eve disobey God? What was their motive?
3. Name 3 wrong thoughts you have had in the last month. How do you know they were wrong thoughts?
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4. How can you keep your mind thinking about the right things?
5. How would you define wisdom?
6. Name the three categories found in 1 John 2:15-17
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7. The idea that net-worth determines self-worth comes from whom or what?
8. Write down three ways you will put into practice right thinking.
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