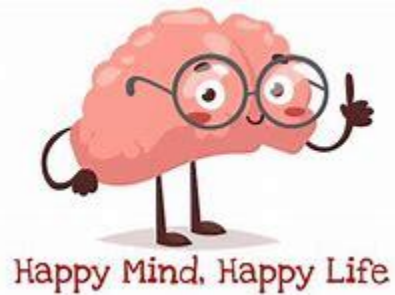


Isaiah 26:3, “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.”



Ah, perfect peace. What happiness dwells in that state! Psalm 119:165, “Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.”

I have heard many times that verse used in reference to offence. Sort of like saying, “If you are offended by what someone in the church says or does, maybe you are not spiritually right with God.” Many times when we are honest with ourselves, we find this to be the case. (Assuming what this person has said or done is not against the Word of God.) God can take even the smallest thing to reveal to us something deeply hidden in our hearts that we need to deal with.

But this verse also talks about “great peace”. How does one get this great peace? By loving God’s Word.

And if we are loving God’s Word, that means we are in His Word daily reading, studying and memorizing. These actions will keep our minds stayed on Him.



Protecting our minds must be our number one priority!

Satan is out to control our thinking. If he can control our thoughts, he can control our actions. Have you even thought about how he attempts to control our minds?

This question makes me think of the kindergarten phrase we would quote as kids.



What we say can lead others to taint their thoughts if we are not speaking right things. Think about those around you who influence you. Do they speak words that you really shouldn't hear?

What we see can become images that haunt and/or influence our thinking. What do you watch for entertainment or read for enjoyment? Is it something you would do with Jesus beside you?

What we hear can alter how our minds think. What type of music or radio do you listen to? Does it uplift you spiritually?

We must build walls of defence in order to protect ourselves from the evil that the world and Satan throws our way. How well do you protect your mind and the minds of your family? Have you taken a journey around the walls of protection inspecting them for cracks or fallen stones? Let's be like Nehemiah and spend time looking at the condition of our walls, become heartbroken over any breaches, and dedicate ourselves to rebuilding them.