



Beginning this week, we are going on a 40 day journey (Nov 6 - Dec 16) to “fast from wrong thinking” with Pastor Gregory Dickow; the thinking that keeps us stuck in the past and keeps us from experiencing the abundant life Jesus died so we could live.

The abundant life can only be lived out when we walk the path God has already chosen for us. The abundant life is when we walk in obedience to God, acknowledging Him in all our ways; it not having the best car or a million dollar house - those are just some of the benefits of being obedient to God.

The abundant life Jesus died so we could have access too is a life of serving God and His people; then God will pour us out a blessing we have not room enough to receive. Yes, paying our tithes opens us up to live the abundant life - it is an obedient act; we are obeying what God says to do.

Remember, obedience is the key - Isaiah 1:19 says: **“If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land”** ([www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com)).

Then after this 40 day journey, we are going to go into part 2 of the “Fasting from Wrong Thinking” series, “Fasting from Wrong Thinking: Financial Freedom & Peace” which is for 26 days; this will begin on Dec 16<sup>th</sup> and go until Jan 10<sup>th</sup>.

I know and understand that the holiday season is upon us and that you will be busy but it is only going to take about 15 or 20 mins to read these instructions daily on how to get rid of these negative thought processes and actions. We must decide TODAY, are we going to get rid of our “stinking thinking” or go on year after year in our same way and think those negative thoughts and actions are going to go away on their own - they are not.

This is the time now where the rubber meets the road, Jesus is coming soon, and this is no time to fool around with things that is not going to prosper you anything. We must shake ourselves and awake from this dead sleep we have and continue to walk in; awake to the things of God and stop trying to create our own abundant life with material things. Therefore, let's begin this 40 day journey (Nov 6 - Dec 16) of “Fasting from Wrong Thinking” and allow Pastor Dickow to pour into us what God has put on his heart to help us get rid of our thinking and allow Christ's mind to infiltrate our mind. Because the new year is coming and I don't know about you but I do not want to carry the way I think sometimes now over into 2011. I found out, sometimes your mind automatically think a certain way about somebody or something. That is why we need the mind of Christ operating in our mind continually. So let's get started tomorrow on a journey that will change our thought life; it will cancel the lies the devil feeds us through negative thoughts. I put this 40 day and 26 day challenge before you; the choice is yours!

Shalom,

Dr. Hooks



## Weekly Devotional for Week of Nov 7, 2010

### "Fasting from Wrong Thinking" by Pastor Gregory Dickow

#### Revolution Day 1:

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As we launch our all new Fast from Wrong Thinking, 2010, believe in the possibilities of what can happen in your life. Nothing is impossible to the man or woman who conquers their thought life. God is with you. God is for you, and the best news of all: God is working IN you!

#### Today we're fasting from the thought that says: "I Can't Change!"

We've all felt at times like we can't change a certain habit, or a characteristic about ourselves. Perhaps you feel like you'll always be easily angered, afraid or worried. Well, that's what this fast from wrong thinking is all about. As we change our thought patterns and mindsets, ANYTHING can change. And changing our mindsets is simply a process of replacing defective thoughts with biblical mindsets. So, if you've felt like you can't change, you CAN...

#### CHANGE IT TODAY:

- 1. Believe that the power to change is a GIFT.** 2 Timothy 2:25 says God grants 'repentance', or 'the power to change', as a gift. The ability to experience lasting change in any area of our life is a gift from God.
- 2. Receive the gift of repentance or "the gift to change", by FAITH.** Believe that every good gift comes from the Father (James 1:17).
- 3. All change begins by believing you are loved by God.** Romans 2:4b says, "Don't you realize that it is God's lovingkindness that is trying to lead you to Him and change the way you think and act?" (God's Word Translation).
- 4. Notice in that verse His love & kindness changes the way we think; THEN it changes the way we act.** All lasting change begins by surrendering my thought life to the Word of God (Romans 12:2).
- 5. Believe in the process that leads to progress.** Don't worry if it doesn't happen right away. Jesus touched the blind man once, than touched him again, before he was completely healed (Mark 8:22-26).
- 6. Re-define yourself ONLY as what God says about you.** Disconnect from past definition of your habits, traits and limitations. You are being changed into His image. (2 Corinthians 3:18)

#### THINK IT & SAY IT:

God has given me the gift to change. I can change my habits, emotions and life by changing the way I think. I submit to the process of renewing my mind, and I expect divine progress and supernatural change. I believe the love that God has for me, and that produces change in me. I refuse to accept past definitions and limitations of myself. As I embrace God's view of me through the mirror of His Word, I am being changed into His image, in Jesus' Name.

In His Great Love,

Gregory Dickow