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God's Thinking Is Not Man's Thinking

Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

-Colossians 2:8

There is a subtle temptation that encourages Christians to be “practical” and to “get results,” believing “the end justifies the means.” Don’t be led away by man’s reasoning. An examination of God’s Word shows that the means are sometimes even more important than the results. The world tries to convince you that as long as you can accomplish something for the kingdom of God, that’s all that matters. For example, Ananias and Sapphira gave an offering to their church, which was a good thing, but they did it deceitfully. God judged them immediately, not for what they did, but for how they did it (Acts 5:1–11).

Satan tried to trap Jesus with this same temptation. Satan did not question the worthiness of Jesus’ task, but simply offered “practical” solutions to accomplish Jesus’ goal more quickly and at lesser cost. God’s ways are not like man’s ways. “Efficiency” from man’s perspective is not prized by God. It did not seem efficient to have the children of Israel march around Jericho thirteen times and then blow their trumpets, but it brought the walls down (Josh. 6). It did not appear wise to select the youngest of Jesse’s sons to become the next king, but God saw a man after His own heart (1 Sam. 16:11). At first glance, it does not seem logical for Jesus to have picked the twelve disciples He did,

yet through them God dramatically affected their world.

It is never wise to attempt to do God’s work in man’s way. It is an age-old temptation that seems to make sense on the surface but often is at variance with the purposes of God.

Henry T. Blackaby and Richard Blackaby, Experiencing God Day by Day (Nashville, TN: B&H Books, 1998).

MARK 3:22–30 – Parable of the Divided Kingdom

The scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul,” and, “By the prince of the demons he casts out the demons.”

He summoned them and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. If Satan has risen up against himself, and is divided, he can’t stand, but has an end. But no one can enter into the house of the strong man to plunder unless he first binds the strong man; then he will plunder his house.

“Most certainly I tell you, all sins of the descendants of man will be forgiven, including their blasphemies with which they may blaspheme; but whoever may blaspheme against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is subject to eternal condemnation.”—because they said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Allendale County Hospital presents...

Community Health Fair

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

7:00 AM—11:00 AM

USC Salkehatchie Atrium

Hwy 301 North, Allendale, SC

Information from different Health Care Providers, Hospice Agencies, Home Health, Fitness Instructors, Dental Centers, Surgery Specialists, and more!
Door Prizes and Refreshments!



**YOUNG AT HEART MEETS ON
MONDAY APRIL 27.**

JOEY OSWALD IS THE DEACON OF THE MONTH.

**** A NICE HEAVY GLASS BOWL WAS TURNED INTO THE OFFICE. COME BY ANYTIME AND PICK IT UP.**

OUR RECORD SPEAKS 4/12/26

Enrollment/Attendance	37 /32
Morning Worship.....	41
Pure Water	
“Memory of Charles Coker”	30.00
Budget Offering.....	5675.00
Budget Needs (weekly ...	4339.00

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, 4/19

Coffee & Christ.....	9:00am
Sunday School.....	10:00pm
Morning Worship.....	11:00am
Discipleship Training.....	12:00pm
Behold Our God Study Group.....	6:00pm

Tuesday, 4/21

Handbells.....	6:00pm
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Wednesday, 4/23

Children's Choir.....	6:00pm
Prayer and Bible Study.....	6:00pm
Choir Practice.....	7:00pm

SERVANTS April 19, 2026

Tellers

Neal Shramek, Addison Williams

Lord's Prayer

Gordon Kears

Church Monitor

Neal Shramek

Greeter

Joe and Rachel Oswald

Ushers

David Wiley, Victor Gooze

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