

**THINK**  
**PART 4: THINK HONESTLY**  
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"... as he thinks in his heart, so is he."

Proverbs 23:7 (NKJV)

**THINK**

To employ one's mind \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ an idea,  
belief, circumstance or situation.

- **Rationally** – exercising reason, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ or good sense; consistent  
with \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Objectively** – to view an idea, belief, circumstance or  
situation based on \_\_\_\_\_ rather than  
\_\_\_\_\_, preconceived notions, biases or  
prejudices.
- **Honest** - \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_;  
\_\_\_\_\_ Seeking.

**IN ORDER TO THINK HONESTLY, I MUST ...**

"As He went along, He saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. As long as it is day, we must do the works of Him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."  
John 9:1-5 (NIV)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ THE \_\_\_\_\_.

"After saying this, He spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. "Go," He told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?"  
John 9:6-8 (NIV)

## 2. AVOID \_\_\_\_\_.

### • I'm Intellectually Dishonest When:

#### a. I \_\_\_\_\_ The \_\_\_\_\_.

"Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man." "How then were your eyes opened?" they asked. He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see." "Where is this man?" they asked him. "I don't know," he said." John 9:9-12 (NIV)

"They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. Therefore, the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see." John 9:13-15 (NIV)

"Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath." But others asked, "How can a sinner perform such signs?" So, they were divided. Then they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about Him? It was your eyes he opened." The man replied, "He is a prophet." John 9:16-17 (NIV)

#### b. I \_\_\_\_\_ The \_\_\_\_\_ To Ignore the Facts.

"They still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents. "Is this your son?" they asked. "Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?" "We know he is our son," the parents answered, "and we know he was born blind." John 9:18-20 (NIV)

"But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. That was why his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." John 9:21-23 (NIV)

#### c. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ What \_\_\_\_\_ Might Think, Say or Do.

"A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God by telling the truth," they said. "We know this man is a sinner." He replied, "Whether He is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!" John 9:24-25 (NIV)

"Then they asked him, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered, "I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become His disciples too?" John 9:26-27 (NIV)

"Then they hurled insults at him and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where He comes from." The man answered, "Now that is remarkable! You don't know where He comes from, yet He opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does His will. Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing." To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out." John 9:28-34 (NIV)

d. I \_\_\_\_\_ The \_\_\_\_\_.

"Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when He found him, He said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" "Who is He, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in Him." Jesus said, "You have now seen Him; in fact, He is the one speaking with you." Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped Him."  
John 9:35-38 (NIV)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_ THE TRUTH

"Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?" Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains."  
John 9:40-41 (NIV)

### FOUR INTELLECTUAL HONESTY QUESTIONS

1. **If in fact there is a God, isn't it likely that there will be things I can't fully**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **or** \_\_\_\_\_?

"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the LORD. "And My ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so My ways are higher than your ways and My thoughts higher than your thoughts."  
Isaiah 55:8-9 (NLT)

2. **If in fact there is a God, isn't it likely that there will be things I can't**  
\_\_\_\_\_?

3. **If in fact there is a God, isn't it likely that there will be things about me that**  
**must** \_\_\_\_\_?

"And He said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."  
Matthew 18:3 (NIV)

4. **If in fact there is a God, isn't it likely that** \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, **should be done?**

"So humble yourselves before God ... Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world."  
James 4:7-8 (NLT)