



## Mark 15:2—15

# The Molding of Our Thinking

**Mark 15:8** The mob began to crowd in toward Pilate, asking him to release a prisoner as usual. <sup>9</sup> "Should I give you the King of the Jews?" Pilate asked. <sup>10</sup> (For he realized by now that the leading priests had arrested Jesus out of envy.) <sup>11</sup> But at this point the leading priests stirred up the mob to demand the release of Barabbas instead of Jesus. <sup>12</sup> "But if I release Barabbas," Pilate asked them, "what should I do with this man you call the King of the Jews?" <sup>13</sup> They shouted back, "Crucify him!" <sup>14</sup> "Why?" Pilate demanded. "What crime has he committed?" But the crowd only roared the louder, "Crucify him!" <sup>15</sup> So Pilate, anxious to please the crowd, released Barabbas to them. He ordered Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip, then turned him over to the Roman soldiers to crucify Him. **NLT**

1. Who are the \_\_\_\_\_ in the way you have learned to form your opinions?

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

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

2. Your particular opinions are not as important as how you have \_\_\_\_\_ to come by them.

3. The process by which we have been taught to think and filter information is the way we make our \_\_\_\_\_.  
This is extremely important.

"All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."

Edmund Burke

Lesson #84

4. When we don't know where to go to develop our opinions we end up inadvertently \_\_\_\_\_ to do it for us.

**Romans 12:2** Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — His good, pleasing and perfect will. **NIV**

**Romans 12:2** Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect His will really is. **NLT**

5. Learning to think from the Foundation of Truth:

Step 1 - Don't \_\_\_\_\_ the behavior and customs of this world,

Step 2 - but \_\_\_\_\_ God transform you into a new person (How) by changing the way you think.

**Colossians 3:16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. **NIV**

6. Let the Truth, the Word of God, become your most \_\_\_\_\_ possession.

**Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God is full of living power. It is sharper than the sharpest knife, cutting deep into our innermost thoughts and desires. It exposes us for what we really are. **NLT**

7. Who am I really? A very needy sinner saved by the grace of God, who is in \_\_\_\_\_ of His direction and correction in my life.

8. When I pursue the Truth of God, to know it and to live it, I will then be able to:

a. "Test and approve what God's will is"

My \_\_\_\_\_ will come from God

Living life in the will of God means I will be living the life God \_\_\_\_\_ me to live.

b. "...His good, pleasing and perfect will."