

Mindset

A. Mindset

1. Dictionary - The established set of attitudes held by someone.
2. Wikipedia - In decision theory and general systems theory, a mindset is a set of assumptions, methods, or notions held by one or more people or groups of people. A mindset can also be seen as arising out of a person's world view or philosophy of life.
3. 2020 was not only a difficult time, but for many a difficult year. Covid19; wearing a mask, Isolation, setbacks, losses, personal, financial, emotional.
 4. 2021 - As we enter a new year we take time to reflect, make new year resolutions. Hope that things will get better, brighter, and safer (Prov. 13:12).
 5. SDA's although very diverse, tend to be serious minded, caring people, interested in their families, their health, and the prophecies of the Bible. We look to God's word for guidance because it gives us the values that we hold dear.

B. Naaman (2 Ki. 5:1-25).

1. Commander of the Syrian armies. A great and honorable man. Also a leper (vs. 1).
 2. What was Naaman's mindset?
 - a. He would go seek healing. This obviously was very important to him.
 - b. He would approach the king with a letter of recommendation from his king. Using proper protocol.
 - c. He would take money to pay for the favors he wanted.
 - d. Elisha would come out and raise his hands with great ceremony and wave his hand and heal him.
 3. Only after he changed his mindset would he receive the blessing he desired. What brought about the change?
 - a. A little captive introduced the idea into his mind that there was a possibility of healing. It gave him hope.
 - b. His servants talked him into it after he was furious at Elisha for not recognizing him properly.
 4. What was the king's mindset? There were blessings around him that he seemed to be unaware of.
 5. What was Elisha's mindset? He was unimpressed with the status and money of Naaman because he had walked with the Lord of glory and seen his fiery chariots.

C. How do I accomplish new and different things in 2021?

1. Change my mindset. How?
 - a. Claim God's promises (Prov. 23:7; Eze. 36:26; Jer. 33:3; Ps. 32:8).
 - b. Listen to others around you, like Naaman finally did.
 - c. Choose friends that will challenge you spiritually to grow.
2. Ask for help (James 1:5-8; Lk. 11:11-13; Ps. 121; Heb. 11:6).
3. Phil. 2:5-11