

CALCULATE YOUR LIFE

In the Bible, "THINK" means to calculate, reckon or account facts, not suppositions. If my bank statement declares I have a hundred dollars in the bank, I have a hundred dollars in the bank. Otherwise, I deceive myself.

Our mind is like a calculator

Everyone is given the ability to think, to calculate the possibilities, risks, and consequences. We figure the pluses & minuses of our choices in finances, career, education or just life in general.

Do we calculate the aftermath of our choices? What if you coveted another's possessions to the point of stealing? What will your sentence be for the crime? How will this affect your life?

Have you ever entertained lustful thoughts and calculated sexual fantasies in your mind or thought of committing premarital sex or adultery? What will the consequences of your actions be? Guilt? Disease? Divorce? Have you ever lied about your tax deductions? Have you ever hated someone so much you wanted them dead?

Your mind can deceive you and approve of the wrong thoughts and convince you to act on them.

Just as calculators have a memory, so your memory will recall the liabilities of your sins. Your guilty heart will haunt you with the gnawing voice of conscience, delivering a verdict of guilt, shame and fear. You feel like the debt is multiplied a hundred times more than the sin. Your sinful choices have a way of multiplying back to you what you sowed.

God's law is like a calculator

Math is a perfect science, numbers do not lie. Nor does God's Word lie about the nature of sin. God's law, the Ten Commandments, was given to reveal to man the knowledge of sin, Rm. 3:20. The Bible says in Rm. 7:20, "I had not known sin, but by the law; for I had not known lust, except the law had said, thou shall not covet." Therefore, the law condemns every man to death because he is guilty of sin. Romans 3:10 says, "None are righteous, no not one." Romans 3:23, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

Have you miscalculated? Have you considered the horrible results and are you ready to face the Judge? Sin never profits. The pleasure of sin is momentary; but the consequences, memories and scars are for a lifetime, and even eternally tormenting. Oh the cost sin demands! Have you ever honestly calculated the debt of your sinful lifestyle and figured the penalty God places on your sins?

Do you need to recalculate your life?

Consider the life of the prodigal son, Luke 15:12-32. He thought about his life at home and made a calculation about leaving and living in a far away land. He could spend his inheritance and live as he pleased. He wasted his wealth with riotous living and harlots. But when he had wasted all his money he found himself alone with no friends, bankrupt and in a famine. Finding only a job feeding the swine, he ate the husks to survive. He never considered the liabilities. He had miscalculated and now he was reaping the fruit of his sins. Eventually, he came to his senses. He began to recalculate his life and the fond memories of how good it was back at home.

God's Word is like a calculator

It measures the minuses of living in sin or the pluses of living in a right relationship to Christ. Let God's Word measure you.

1. You are a sinner, guilty of breaking God's law. You have added sin to sin. Romans 6:23 says, the penalty for sin is death. God offers to place Christ's righteousness on your account to pay the debt because he loved you.

2. Calculate the minus of sin's wages for your rebellion and rejection of God's offer of salvation. To refuse God's offer is to place interest on the wrath of God against you. Romans 2:4-5 says he who despises God's goodness and longsuffering, which is meant to lead you to repentance, will treasure up wrath to his account on Judgment Day.

3. Calculate the division that will come on Judgment Day. Hebrews 9:27, "It is appointed unto man once to die and then the judgment." Romans 14:10, 12, "We all shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ...to give account of himself." Have you stopped to calculate this day in the future when God will separate the just from the unjust? It is inescapable! But it doesn't have to be a sentence of death to you. Oh the pain of guilt!

4. Calculate the eternal misery you will experience when you are subtracted from eternal life, to be eternally separated from God and sentenced to hell forever, Rev. 21:8.

5. Calculate the pluses of God's love and grace being offered to you through the merit of Christ's death for your sins. Calculate the joy and peace of knowing Christ and grace being multiplied to you. Your sins are forgiven, the righteousness of Christ is placed on your account, your sins are placed on Christ and you receive a full pardon. Your debt is paid in full! Oh the joy of being debt free.

One final equation to calculate

All of your life, you have calculated things without Christ. Isn't it time you figured Him into your life? Receiving Jesus Christ into your life, minus your sins by repentance, equals salvation. The rejection of Christ multiplied by continual rebellion will divide you from eternal life. Calculators have a key marked "AC" for clearing all the figures. If you want to clear the debt of your sins, ask Jesus to forgive you and cleanse you with His blood. Today is the day of salvation.

Pray this prayer: Father, I ask you to forgive me of all my sins. I repent and ask you to come into my heart and take control of my life. I yield my life to you without any reservations. I believe Jesus died for my sins and rose from the dead. In the name of Jesus.

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