

# **A DIFFERENT PATH**

## **Part 3: A Different Mentality**

### **MENTALITY MATTERS** *(Proverbs 15:15 NKJ)*

Can't have a merry heart with afflicted thinking

#### **A. What is afflicted thinking?**

1. It's always going to be this way - locked into limited
2. Everything is against me - taking everything personally
3. Always focused on what is wrong/bad - not accounting for what is right and good

#### **B. The good news - our thinking can change** *(Psalm 119:130 NKJ)*

1. God's word can light up your thinking

### **THE MAN WHO MADE A MENTALITY SHIFT** *(Mark 10:46-52 NKJ)*

#### **A. Every reason to have an afflicted mentality**

1. Blind with no hope of ever seeing again; of being normal
2. Life was all about simply surviving
3. Begging robs you of dignity - but the bible tells his name. He had a name; he mattered

#### **B. But he had heard about Jesus**

1. The only light in his dark world was when he heard that this Jesus healed blind people
2. Bartimaeus knew if he could connect with Jesus everything would change
3. Two problems - He did not know if Jesus would care about him personally

#### **C. And Jesus stopped and called for him**

1. Everyone around Bart changed their tune - Get up, get glad, He is calling for you
2. As soon as Bart knew Jesus was calling for him his thinking changed
3. Followed Jesus after being healed

### **TAKING A DIFFERENT PATH IN YOUR MENTALITY**

#### **A. So how is your thinking working for you?** *(Romans 8:6 NKJ)*

1. Is your thinking producing sorrow, misery, gloom or despondency = death
2. Spiritual thinking will produce life and peace = merry heart

#### **B. An important key to taking a different mentality path** *(Galatians 2:20 NKJ)*

1. Jesus wants to connect with you personally
2. Allow His word to determine the boundaries of your thinking and believing

#### **C. How differently would you think if you knew God was calling for you - that He is for you**

1. Get rid of some of the negative things you have identified with