## **Keep your heart right and renewing your mind:**

Psalm 51 - Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Rom 12:2 - Do not conform 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. (*Phillips translation*) As your spiritual teacher I give this piece of advice to each one of you. Don't cherish exaggerated ideas of yourself or your importance, but try to have a sane estimate of your capabilities by the light of the faith that God has given to you all.

Isa 55:8,9 - "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord.

<sup>9</sup> "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Psalm 139:23 - Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: <sup>24</sup> And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Jer 17:9 - "The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?

2 Cor 10:5 - We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Keeping your heart right means being accountable to God's word when you need to repent from bitterness, unforgiveness, self righteousness, being unteachable, pride, etc

Renewing your mind means doing away with unhealthy thought patterns and replacing them with true, godly ones. You take notice of thoughts you have that don't line up with scripture (truth), and when that thought comes up, choose not to keep thinking that thought