

φρονέω

phroneó

fro-NEH-o · fron-eh'-o

To think, to set one's mind on, to have a mindset

PART OF SPEECH

Verb

ROOT

From φρήν (*phrén*), Strong's 5424

OCCURRENCES

26 times in the New Testament

DEFINITION

1. To exercise the mind — to entertain or hold a sentiment or opinion.
2. By implication, to be mentally disposed, more or less earnestly, in a certain direction.
3. Intensively, to interest oneself in something, with concern or with obedience.

STRONG'S EXHAUSTIVE CONCORDANCE

From *phrén*; to exercise the mind — i.e., to entertain or have a sentiment or opinion; by implication, to be mentally disposed, more or less earnestly, in a certain direction; intensively, to interest oneself in something, with concern or obedience.

Rendered in the King James Version as: set the affection on · (be) care(-ful) · (be like-, + be of one, + be of the same, + let this) mind(-ed) · regard · savour · think.

WORD ORIGIN

From φρήν (*phrén*) — properly, the midriff or diaphragm; by extension, the parts around the heart, understood in ancient usage as the seat of feeling and thought together. *Phronéō* inherits this dual sense: it is not purely intellectual, nor purely emotional, but the whole inner disposition — mind and heart acting as one — from which outward behavior flows.

THAYER'S GREEK LEXICON

1. To have understanding, to be wise.
2. To feel, to think — used absolutely, as in 1 Corinthians 13:11, "when I was a child, I thought as a child"; also to have an opinion of oneself, as in Romans 12:3, where believers are warned not to think of themselves more highly than they ought to think, but to think with sober judgment.
3. To direct one's mind toward a thing — to seek or strive after it. Used of being intent on promoting what God wills, or what pleases men (Matthew 16:23; Mark 8:33); of pursuing the things that gratify the flesh, as opposed to the things of the Spirit (Romans 8:5); of setting the mind on things above rather than on earthly things (Colossians 3:2); and of several persons being "of the same mind" — sharing the same views, in harmony together (2 Corinthians 13:11; Philippians 2:2).

Of particular note is Philippians 2:5, rendered in the Authorized Version, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" — the imperative form calling believers to hold, within themselves, the same settled disposition that was in Christ.

SELECTED OCCURRENCES

Matthew 16:23 / Mark 8:33 — Jesus to Peter: "You are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

Romans 8:5 — Those according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh; those according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

Romans 12:3 — Not to think of oneself more highly than one ought to think, but to think with sober judgment.

Romans 15:5 — A prayer that believers would be of the same mind with one another, according to Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:2 — Being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

Philippians 2:5 — "Have this mind among yourselves, which was also in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 3:19 — Of those whose end is destruction, whose mind is set on earthly things.

Colossians 3:2 — "Set your minds on things above, not on things on the earth."