
COMMITTEE STUDY

JANUARY

Prayer

Gracious God, thank you for calling us to serve you,
and to lead a congregation for those so in need of your love and grace.
You've called us to be a place where people can live in love,
and where people can experience your presence.
So be with us as we make decisions tonight.
Help us to seek your wisdom over mere human wisdom,
your logic over common logic,
and your guidance over the guidance of convention and convenience.
Help us to be your servants serving collaboratively and cooperatively,
seeking unity of heart and mind,
so that we can lead our church with your guidance, grace, and love.
Amen

Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica, *Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives*

Our life depends on the kind of thoughts we nurture. If our thoughts are peaceful, calm, meek, and kind, then that is what our life is like. If our attention is turned to the circumstances in which we live, we are drawn into a whirlpool of thoughts and can have neither peace nor tranquility.

Discussion Questions:

- What keeps us from nurturing peaceful, calm, meek, and kind thoughts, especially in our culture and our church?
- How can we be more intentional about nurturing these kinds of thoughts in our leadership of this congregation and community?

