



CONTRA-THOUGHT

1. What we think is valuable is not valuable at all:

"that which is highly esteemed among men is detestable in the sight of God" (Luke 16:15).

2. The wisdom of the world is really foolishness:

"Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?"
(1 Cor. 1:20)

3. What seems foolish is really wise; what seems weak in the world is really strong; and what is despised and rejected by the world is chosen by God:

"God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, and the base things of the world and the despised, God has chosen, the things that are not, that He might nullify the things that are, that no man should boast before God" (1 Cor. 1:27–29).

4. We don't even come close to thinking the way God thinks:

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
Neither are your ways My ways," declares the LORD.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways,
And My thoughts than your thoughts" (Isa. 55:8–9).

To sum these verses up, I would like to propose the following negative principles to consider as safeguards in your decision making process:

- (1) what comes naturally is probably wrong,
- (2) the opposite of what you think (the opposite of your basic instincts) is probably right, and
- (3) you will more than likely mess up without guidance from God's Word.