

# Vain Thoughts

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**I hate vain thoughts:  
but thy law do I love.**

**Psalm 119:113**

**The LORD knoweth  
the thoughts of man,  
that they are vanity.**

**Psalm 94:11**

**Casting down imaginations,  
and every high thing  
that exalteth itself against  
the knowledge of God,  
and bringing into captivity  
every thought  
to the obedience of Christ;**

**II Corinthians 10:5**

**For from within,  
out of the heart of men,  
proceed evil thoughts,**

**Mark 7:21**

**To the law and to the  
testimony: if they speak  
not according to this  
word, it is because there  
is no light in them.**

**Isaiah 8:20**

**Prove all things;  
hold fast that which is good.**

**I Thess 5:21**

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**Psalm 119:113**

*He Who Dies With  
The Most Toys Wins*

**But God said unto him,  
Thou fool, this night thy  
soul shall be required of  
thee: then whose shall  
those things be, which  
thou hast provided?**

**Luke 12:20**

**NO FEAR**

**There were they in great fear,  
where no fear was: for God  
hath scattered the bones of  
him that encampeth against  
thee: thou hast put them to  
shame, because God hath  
despised them.**

**Psalm 53:5**

**But I will forewarn you whom  
ye shall fear: Fear him, which  
after he hath killed hath  
power to cast into hell; yea, I  
say unto you, Fear him.**

**Luke 12:5**

**Ye shall fear every man his  
mother, and his father ...  
I am the LORD your God.**

**Leviticus 19:3**

**Servants, be subject to your  
masters with all fear; not  
only to the good and gentle,  
but also to the froward.**

**I Peter 2:18**





# The President's New Rug

*With thoughts of these men:*

- President Franklin D. Roosevelt
- President John F. Kennedy
- President Abraham Lincoln
- President Theodore Roosevelt
- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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# Franklin D. Roosevelt

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***“The Only Thing We Have to  
Fear Is Fear Itself”***

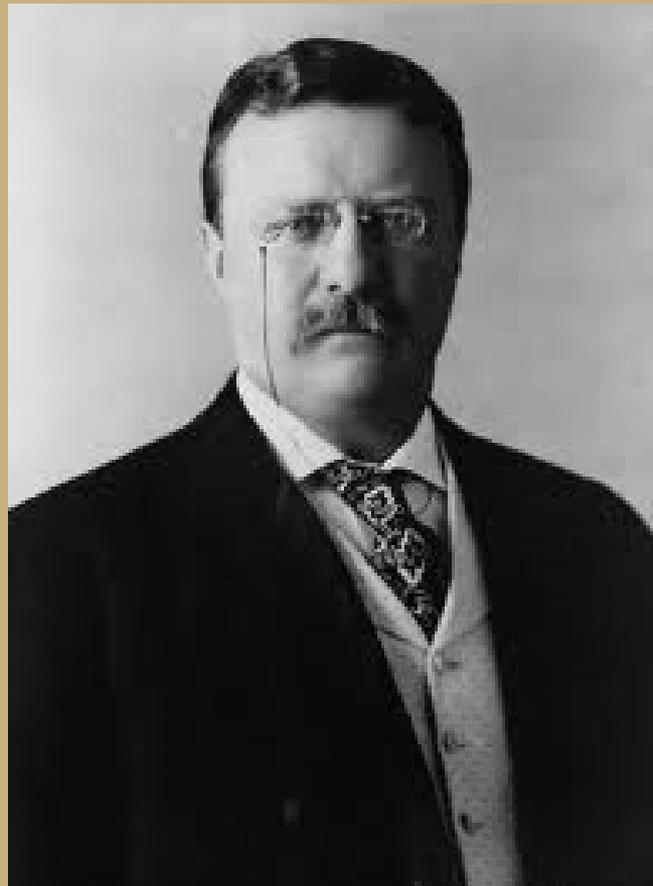
**NO FEAR**

**Saying with a loud voice, Fear  
God, and give glory to him; for  
the hour of his judgment is  
come: and worship him that  
made heaven, and earth, and  
the sea....**

**Revelation 14:7**

# Theodore Roosevelt

(1858-1919)



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***“The Welfare of Each of Us Is  
Dependent Fundamentally  
Upon the Welfare of All of Us”***

**The LORD maketh poor, and  
maketh rich: he bringeth  
low, and lifteth up.**

**1 Samuel 2:7**

**For promotion cometh  
neither from the east, nor  
from the west, nor from the  
south. But God is the judge:  
he putteth down one, and  
setteth up another.**

**Psalm 75:6-7**

**So David waxed greater and  
greater: for the LORD of  
hosts was with him.**

**I Chronicles 11:9**

**He becometh poor that  
dealeth with a slack hand:  
but the hand of the diligent  
maketh rich.**

**Proverbs 10:4**

# John F. Kennedy

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***“No Problem of Human Destiny  
Is Beyond Human Beings”***

**Who can bring a clean  
thing out of an unclean?  
not one.**

**Job 14:4**

**There is no man that hath  
power over the spirit to  
retain the spirit; neither  
hath he power in the day of  
death: and there is no  
discharge in that war....**

**Ecclesiastes 8:8**

**For when they shall say,  
Peace and safety; then  
sudden destruction cometh  
upon them, as travail upon a  
woman with child; and they  
shall not escape.**

**I Thessalonians 5:3**

**And I saw a great white  
throne, and him that sat on  
it, from whose face the earth  
and the heaven fled away;  
and there was found no place  
for them.**

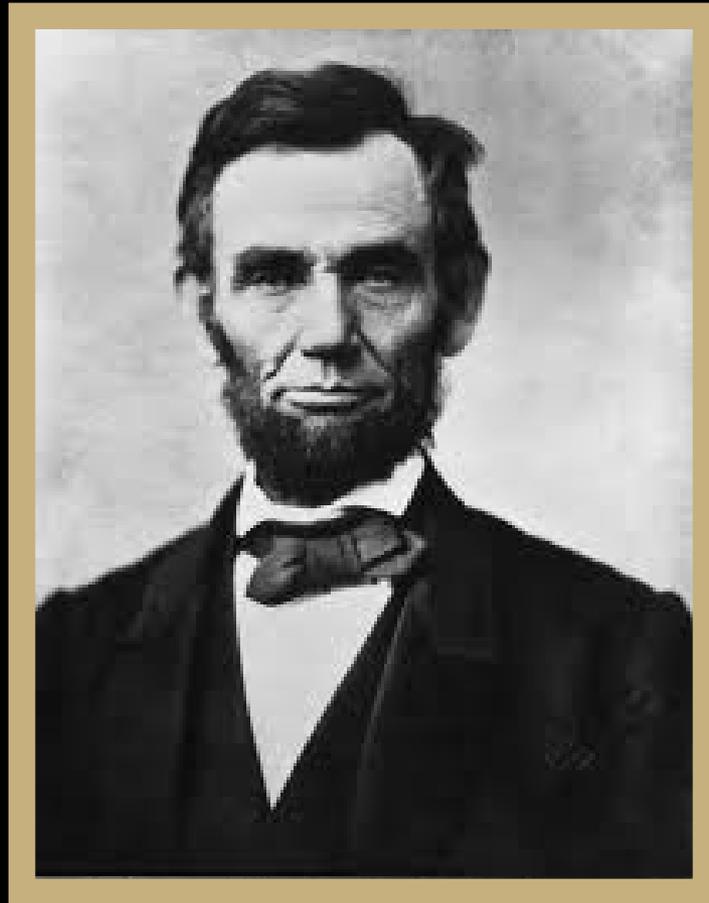
**Revelation 20:11**

**And whosoever was not  
found written in the book  
of life was cast into the  
lake of fire.**

**Revelation 20:15**

# Abraham Lincoln

(1809-1865)



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***“Government of the People, By  
the People, For the People”***

**Let every soul be subject  
unto the higher powers. For  
there is no power but of God:  
the powers that be are  
ordained of God.**

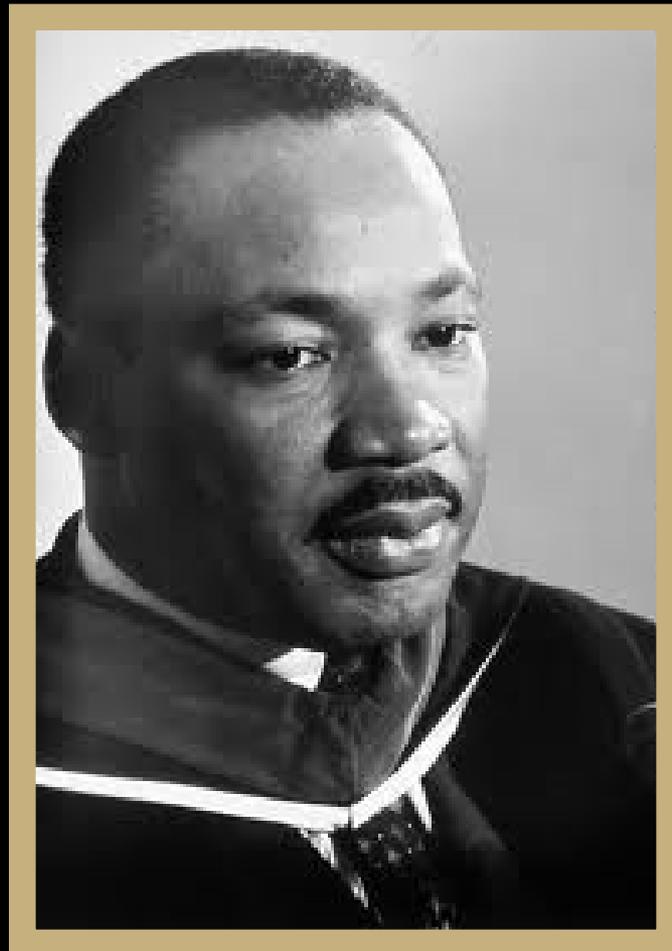
**Romans 13:1**

**And he changeth the times  
and the seasons:  
he removeth kings, and  
setteth up kings....**

**Daniel 2:21**

# Martin Luther King, Jr.

(1929-1968)



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***“The Arc of the Moral Universe  
Is Long, But It Bends Towards  
Justice”***

**As it is written, There is none  
righteous, no, not one....  
They are all gone out of the  
way, they are together  
become unprofitable; there  
is none that doeth good, no,  
not one.**

**Romans 3:10-12**

**He is the Rock, his work is  
perfect: for all his ways are  
judgment: a God of truth  
and without iniquity, just  
and right is he.**

**Deuteronomy 32:4**

**But evil men and  
seducers shall wax worse  
and worse, deceiving,  
and being deceived.**

**II Timothy 3:13**



# Why Not These?

**“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom....” (Pr 1:7).**

**“By me kings reign, and princes decree justice” (Pr 8:15).**

**“Mercy and truth preserve the king: and his throne is upholden by mercy” (Pr 20:28).**



# White Star Employee

(May 11, 1911)

***“Not even God himself  
could sink this ship.”***

**He that sitteth in the  
heavens shall laugh: the  
Lord shall have them in  
derision. Then shall he  
speak unto them in his  
wrath, and vex them in  
his sore displeasure.**

**Psalm 2:4-5**

# Frank Sinatra

(1915-1998)



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***“I did it my way.”***

**Now therefore thus saith  
the LORD of hosts;  
Consider your ways.**

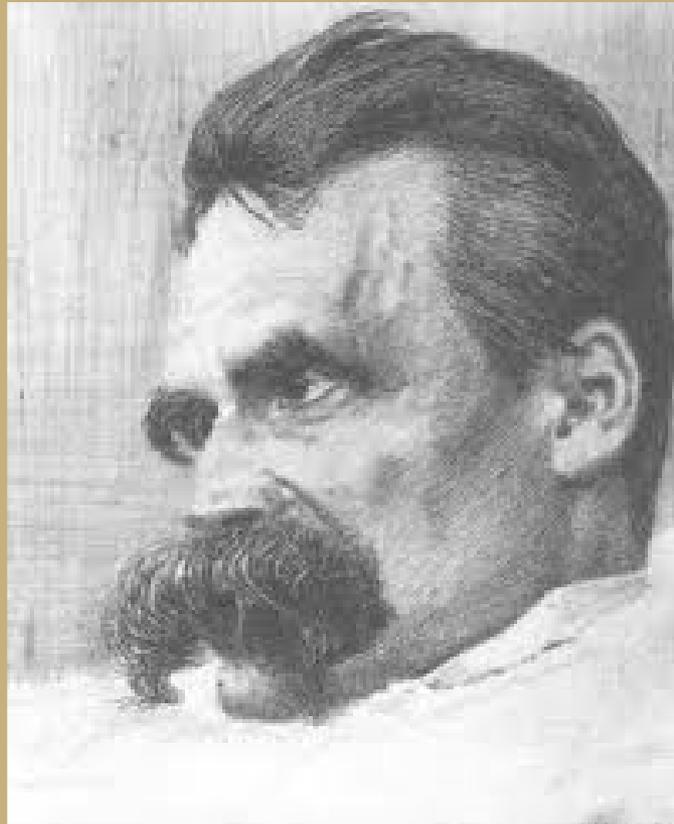
**Haggai 1:5**

**And God looked upon the  
earth, and, behold, it was  
corrupt; for all flesh had  
corrupted his way upon  
the earth.**

**Genesis 6:12**

# Friedrich Nietzsche

(1844-1900)



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***“God is dead.***

***God remains dead.***

***And we have killed him.”***

**I am he that liveth, and  
was dead; and, behold, I  
am alive for evermore,  
Amen; and have the keys  
of hell and of death.**

**Revelation 1:18**

# James Dean

(1931-1955)



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***“Dream as if you have forever.  
Live as if you only have today.”***

**Therefore thus will I do  
unto thee, O Israel: and  
because I will do this unto  
thee, prepare to meet thy  
God, O Israel.**

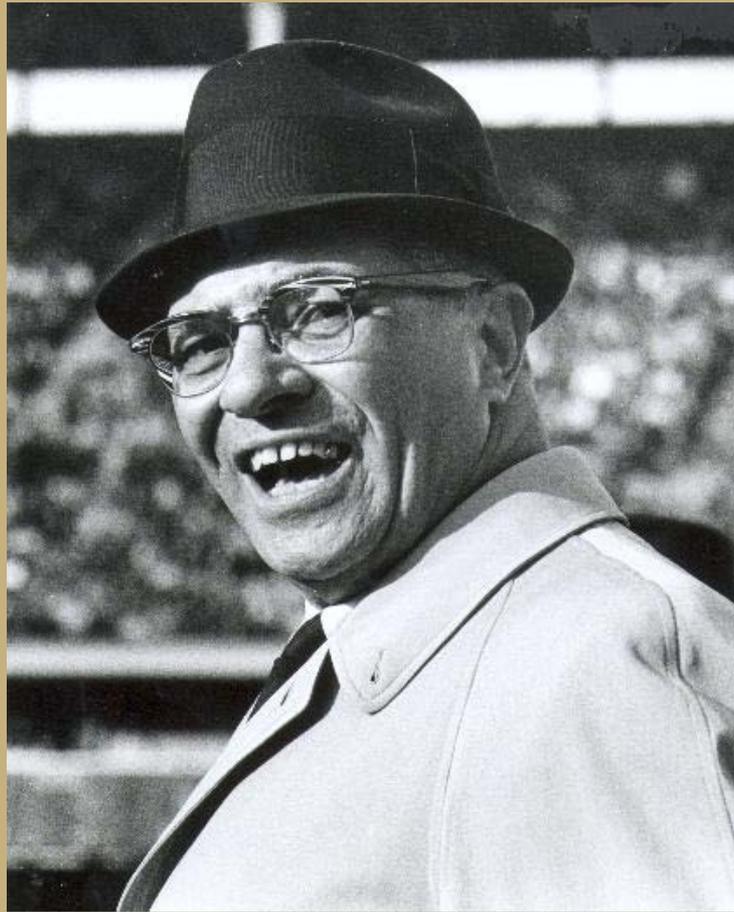
**Amos 4:12**

**Nevertheless man being in  
honour abideth not: he is  
like the beasts that perish.  
This their way is their folly:  
yet their posterity approve  
their sayings. Selah.**

**Psalm 49:12-13**

# Vince Lombardi

(1913-1970)



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***“Winning isn’t everything;  
it’s the only thing.”***

**Let us hear the conclusion  
of the whole matter:  
Fear God, and keep his  
commandments: for this is  
the whole duty of man.**

**Ecclesiastes 12:13**



UNITED WE STAND

**Every one that is proud in  
heart is an abomination to  
the LORD: though hand  
join in hand, he shall not  
be unpunished.**

**Proverbs 16:5**

**Associate yourselves, O ye  
people, and ye shall be  
broken in pieces; and give  
ear, all ye of far countries:  
gird yourselves, and ye shall  
be broken in pieces; gird  
yourselves, and ye shall be  
broken in pieces.**

**Isaiah 8:9**

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# Application (1)

- Hate vain thoughts ... from any source
- Love God's law ... by learning it well
- Prove all things ... hold fast the good
- Despise inventors of vain thoughts
- Disregard the popularity of thoughts

# Application (2)

- Hate vain thoughts in esteemed venues
- Literature classes are vain thoughts
- Sports are filled with vain thoughts
- Learn great thoughts of the Bible
- Speak of great thoughts to one another

# For Further Study

- What Is Truth?
- Famous Last Words
- What a Word Is This!
- Thus Saith the Lord
- The Emperor's New Clothes
- The Delusions of Deceived Christians