



# Design: Thinks creatively

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	Spiritual	Experiential	Relational	Instructional
1	Meditate on Exodus 35:31-32; Matthew 25:16; Ephesians 2:10. Memorize one or two of these verses.	Participate in designing some new ministry programs.	Communicate and work with people who think creatively to help you come up with creative ideas.	Study Exodus 35:31-32; Matthew 25:16; Ephesians 2:10.
2	Ask God to give you a spirit of wisdom and understanding, that you would glorify Him in your thinking.	Choose several things that you are currently doing and change your method. Try to accomplish them in different ways.	Find some role models who are creative in thinking. Spend time learning from them. Ask one of them to be a "creative thinking" mentor who will give you informal training.	Find and read books or articles about creative thinking (ask a spiritual leader for suggestions). For example: Color Outside the Lines (Howard Hendricks).
3	Thank God daily for His unlimited creativity. Each day focus on a specific area of God's creativity. Describe back to God detailed facets of His creativity that you are thanking Him for.	Practice creative thinking as much as possible in daily life and in interaction with people.	Ask a leader who is creative how they think creatively. Ask them to help you get better at doing so.	Study Peter's life and the habit of thinking creatively (Matthew 14:25-33; 15:15-16; 16:13-17; 16:22-23; 17:1-8; 26:47-53; Acts 10:9-36). How did Peter adjust to new ideas?
4	Reflect on why you have trouble thinking creatively. Are you afraid of taking creative risks because other people might see you fail? Confess any fear or pride to God, receive His grace, and repent.	Brainstorm ideas for a project you and your team are working on. Don't analyze your ideas until you've written them all down.	Be intentional to compliment others on their creative thinking and ideas.	Study God's creative design in the natural world.
5	Pray that God would give you the humility to take creative risks, and that you would trust Him for the results.	When you are faced with a problem, take a moment to write down three or four different ways you could solve it. Choose the best one.	Participate in some multicultural activities with friends and family. Get to know other people groups to expand your thinking.	Study examples of creative thinking in the Bible. What were the results?
6	Fast and pray that God would give creative ideas and thinking abilities. Ask God to expand your thinking.	Evaluate your thinking habits. Are there new ways you can be thinking more creatively? Put these new ways into practice.	Be accountable to someone; ask them to question and evaluate your progress in creative thinking on a regular basis.	Read books on topics like creativity, thinking, design, etc.
7	Pray and declare that you will not be limited to present situations and thinking abilities. Declare that you can break through with the help of God.	Do something creative for the sheer joy of it (cooking a meal, making art, composing a song, writing a story, dancing, etc.).	Ask several intercessors to pray for you concerning past relationships or experiences that would hinder your creative thinking capacity.	Listen to sermons, teachings, or podcasts about creativity and creative thinking.
8	Worship God with songs about His creativity and wisdom.	Go to an art exhibition to expand your ideas of creativity.		
9	Read the first chapter of Genesis and give God praise for His creative power.			