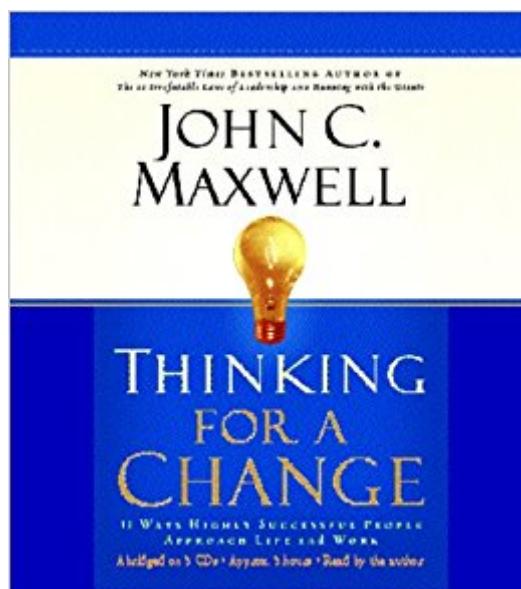


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# Thinking For A Change: 11 Ways Highly Successful People Approach Life And Work



## **Synopsis**

At the heart of John C. Maxwell's brilliant and inspiring book is a simple premise: To do well in life, we must first think well. But can we actually learn new mental habits? Thinking for a Change answers that with a resounding "yes" -- and shows how changing your thinking can indeed change your life. Drawing on the words and deeds of many of the world's greatest leaders and using interactive quizzes, this empowering book helps you assess your thinking style, guides you to new ones, and step by step teaches you the secrets of: Big-Picture Thinking -- seeing the world beyond your own needs and how that leads to great ideas. Focused Thinking -- removing mental clutter and distractions to realize your full potential. Creative Thinking -- stepping out of the "box" and making breakthroughs. Shared Thinking -- working with others to compound results. - Reflective Thinking -- looking at the past to gain a better understanding of the future ...and much more. Here America's most trusted and admired motivational teacher examines the very foundation of success and self-transformation. Illuminating and life-changing, Thinking for a Change is a unique primer not on what to think, but how to best use one of your most precious possessions: your mind.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Basing his latest book on the theory that "successful people think differently than unsuccessful people," Maxwell (author of bestselling The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership and Running with the Giants) guides readers on the journey of mastering "good thinking" to achieve their personal and professional potential. Maintaining an encouraging tone and a down-to-earth writing style honed from his more than 30 previous titles, Maxwell details the impact and practical value of 11 kinds of

thinking, including reflective, shared, creative, unselfish and big-picture. Useful tips, like how to discover your gifts through focused thinking, ways to break down complex issues with strategic thinking, and how to understand the value of examining the worst-case scenario through realistic thinking, characterize the author's surprisingly concrete lessons. The step-by-step format is bolstered by inspirational quotes, personal insights and high-profile anecdotal evidence about the likes of Priscilla Presley, George Lucas and George Washington Carver. Ending each chapter, emphasizing the discipline needed to think your way to the top, are exercises designed to evaluate and increase your personal progress in each area. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc.  
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"In this important book, John Maxwell will teach you how to think in a way that will keep you ahead in these turbulent times and create exciting new opportunities and possibilities." --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

In this read, you'll be securing a change of your thinking and mindsets. If you are open minded and do pursue change, John Maxwell is a marvelous teacher- mentor. He's a man who lives what he teaches. Thinking for a Change, implements basic skills and leads the reader into a deeper knowledge with understanding for success. We can surrender to the larger vision of business goals in confidence and skill with these tactics. John puts a check on our character, he shows us resolve in business challenges of growth. He offers deeper conscience thoughts for improvement and removes the conflict out of accountability. Not just theory, but walked out corporate successes. He is highly regarded.I see everything through a different filter,now. It also takes the I can't into I can be a team player off the bench when the game changes. If you are a skilled business person, failing in some areas you lack understanding why in, you may find your self in here in the shadows of context. As always a good read to reread. I rebought this for my 30 something son, newly a entrepreneur . He's enjoying it immensely.

I absolutely agree with a part of a review another person wrote: "Maxwell describes eleven thinking process every person should utilize: big-picture thinking, focused thinking, creative thinking, realistic thinking, strategic thinking, possibility thinking, reflective thinking,critical thinking, shared thinking, unselfish thinking, and bottom-line thinking. He explains how these forms of thinking can empower you to fulfill your potential.". The whole idea is to provide you with ideas and paths that will enhance your thinking process, whatever that is.

Maxwell's premise is that successful people think differently than unsuccessful people. The book is organized in two major parts, part one is three chapters which presents the importance of thinking well. Part two of the book is laid out in eleven chapters each presenting a mode of thinking, including: 1. Acquire the wisdom of big-picture thinking; 2. Unleash the potential of focused thinking; 3. Discover the joy of creative thinking; 4. Recognize the importance of realistic thinking; 5. Release the power of strategic thinking; 6. Feel the energy of possibility thinking; 7. Embrace the lessons of reflective thinking; 8. Question the acceptance of popular thinking; 9. Encourage the participation of shared thinking; 10. Experience the satisfaction of unselfish thinking; 11. Enjoy the return of bottom-line thinking - am I staying focused on resultsList strengths of book.The book is easy to read. Maxwell uses many quotes, stories, and examples to help illustrate his points. I certainly agreed with Maxwell's premise that most people do not think very well. The brief exercises at the end of each chapter are helpful to make clear and simple application to the life of the reader.List weaknesses of book.I felt like the material that was presented was way more than anyone person could ever apply to their lives, however I believe if a reader could apply even a portion of the material it would certainly be helpful. I also felt like Maxwell gives the appearance that changing the way you think is an easy matter, while I believe it is a much more complicated process.

great book

Highly recommended! I bought a lot of these and handed them out as gifts.

John Maxwell is a great motivational writer, and is well worth the time and enjoyable effort to read his books.

What a novel (pun intended) idea! Let's put our brains to work; let's think it though; try to see the big picture and not be always caught up in our everyday circumstances. I have not yet completed this book, but from what I have read, I know I can depend on John Maxwell to clearly put things into perspective cause he always does.

Thinking for a Change does a wonderful job of leading the reader through the steps to successful thinking. John Maxwell does a superb job of describing the various ways of thinking, then challenges those ways with new, ingenious ideas. His voice is one of compassion and optimism.

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