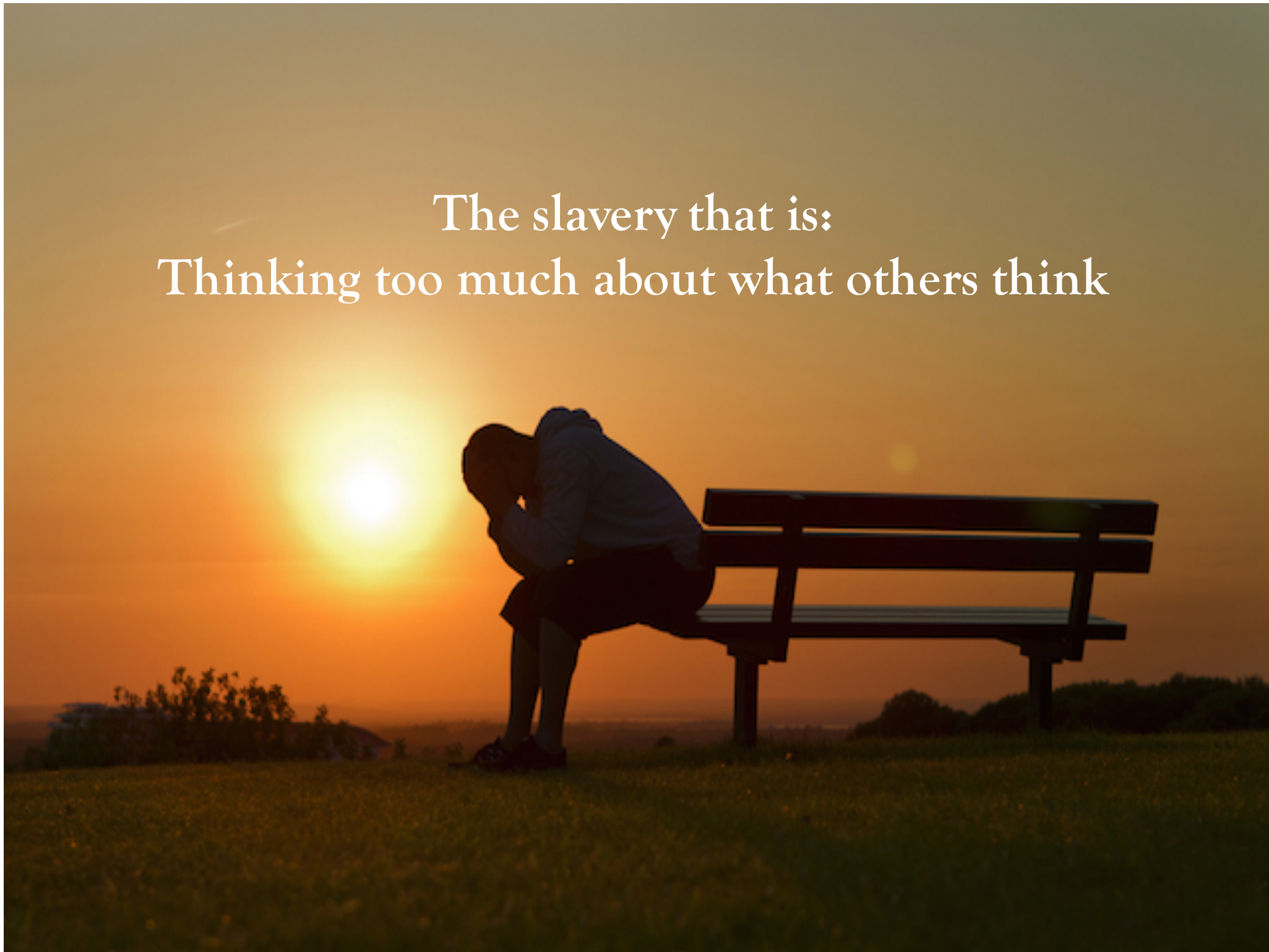
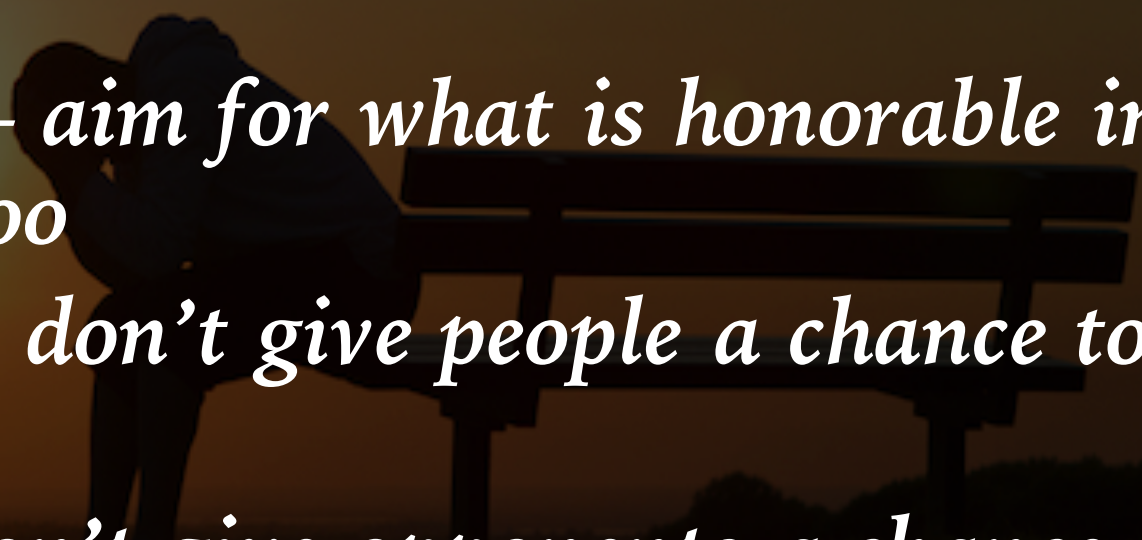


The slavery that is:  
Thinking too much about what others think



# Sometimes there are positive motivations

- *Romans 12:17 – “give thought”*
  - *Romans 14:14-15 – is our brother grieved by this?*
  - *II Cor. 8:21 – aim for what is honorable in men’s sight too*
  - *I Tim. 5:14 – don’t give people a chance to slander*
  - *Titus 2:8 – don’t give opponents a chance to speak evil*
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- A silhouette of a man and a woman embracing on a park bench. The man is standing and leaning over the woman, who is sitting on the bench. They are positioned in the center of the slide, behind the text. The background is a soft, warm glow from a sunset or sunrise, with a dark horizon line.

# Other times our motivations are prideful

- *Matthew 14 – Herod’s example*
- *Matthew 21 – refusal to answer*
- *Matthew 21 – wouldn’t confront Christ*
- *John 12 – it can become so bad you’ll do things you don’t even believe in*
  - *Consider how little these “church politics” meant to Christ (Luke 13)*

We can't let what others think blind us to the opportunities we have to serve those around us



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- <https://tinybuddha.com/blog/5-things-remember-worry-takes/>