

Mind Games

How to Control Your Thought Life

10-25-15

KEY THOUGHT:

Our spiritual enemy will attack your minds whenever and as often as he can, even though you might be a Christ follower.

REALIZING THE TRUTH ABOUT YOUR MIND:

I. YOUR MIND MUST BE _____.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 - For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. ⁴ The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish **strongholds**. ⁵ We demolish **arguments** and every **pretension** that sets itself up against the **knowledge** of God, and we take captive every **thought** to make it obedient to Christ.

LOGIC- KNOWLEDGE- THOUGHT

“Strongholds” means: To fortify, through the idea of holding safely, a castle.

The enemy uses that system of thought to establish claims against Godly truths that are only in your mind.

2 Corinthians 10:4 - The weapons we fight with are **not the weapons of the world**. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish **strongholds**.

- *The weapons that conquer your _____ are not worldly or fleshly.*
- *The weapons that conquer your mind have divine or _____ power.*

Luke 10:19 -20 - I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. ²⁰ However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

II. YOUR MIND NEEDS TO BE _____ AND RECLAIMED.

2 Corinthians 10:5 - We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

We must take captive any thought that is inconsistent with God's word; we cannot continue to allow the thought in our mind.

Next week we are going to go deeper into this idea.

Romans 12:1-2 - Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship. ² Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Philippians 4:8-9 - Finally, brothers, whatever is **true**, whatever is **noble**, whatever is **right**, whatever is **pure**, whatever is **lovely**, whatever is **admirable** – if anything is **excellent** or **praiseworthy** – **think about such things**.

⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

True: True thoughts

Noble: To Worship

Right: Think on what is righteous

Pure: Holy, morally clean

Lovely: Sweet, patient

Admirable: good report

Excellent or praiseworthy: Excellent and praise

- ***Home work:***
When you have a thought that is not consist with God's truth, hold it captive until it is removed.
- ***Next Step:***
Pick up a reading or a memory plan on the tables on the way out.