

# Winning the Mind Wars

## Part I

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### Introduction

- Walking in truth doesn't mean there isn't a war going on in our minds.
- There's a real war in our minds. It's a spiritual war in very dark places.
- This series will give us Truth tools that help will help us win the war in our mind.

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### What a Man Thinks

- Proverbs 23:7
  - **Thinks.** The Hebrew word used (*shaar*) means to be a calculator and evaluator. It also means, "To act as a gate keeper (Strong's Concordance)."
  - We are called to be gate keepers. As the gatekeeper of our mind, we have to calculate and estimate the spiritual, holy, eternal value of the thoughts we're thinking.
    - What we think determines who we are and what we do. Thinking godly things leads to doing godly things. Ungodly thoughts lead to ungodly actions, and an ungodly tormented life.
  - We give Jesus our heart, but leave our minds in the old ways.
  - Our destiny can be determined by just a mere thought.
    - Someone said, "Sow a thought, reap an action, Sow an action, reap a habit, Sow a habit, reap a character, Sow a character, and reap a destiny." This is both good or bad. We reap based on what we do with the thoughts we think! Destinies are the result of thoughts embraced.

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### What Do We Do with Our Minds?

- We need to be intentional about what we do with the thoughts we think. We can't let them run wild, unchecked, played with, fantasized over, etc. Our thoughts determine who we are and what we do!
- None of us can completely control the thoughts we think. However, we can control what we do with our thoughts. We can do the godly thing.
  - That's called renewing our mind. It's about winning the mind wars.
    - We are called and equipped to do that—that's good news!

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### Renewing Our Minds

- Romans 12:2
  - We can renew our minds.
- Don't be conformed (shaped) by this world's ways and means.
  - **Be transformed.** Means being changed into something that is of a quality that we've never known before (metamorphosis).
  - **Be renewed.** Transformation comes from renewing our mind.
    - The degree of real spiritual change is directly related to a renewed (transformed) mind.

- **Prove.** Know and personally experience the good and perfect will of God.
  - God causes real change when we don't think as we used to think.
  - God wants our mind. Be the gatekeeper.

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## Mind Wars

- Genesis 3:1-13
- Mind wars go back to the Garden of Eden.
  - Satan and His tactics
    - **He is cunning.** He is crafty and subtle. He lurks unnoticed. He reeks havoc when people do not know who he is.
      - Ephesians 6:11. We can stand against his slippery ways.
    - **He comes to tempt.** He wants to draw us away from the things of God.
    - **He challenges Gods Truth.** "Did God indeed say. . ." He's trying to create doubt. He tries to twist the truth in any situation. He wants us to believe things that are not true.
    - **He twists Gods Truth.** Quotes God's Word out of context.
    - **He is a liar.** "You shall not die." John 8:44
    - **He maligns God's character.** He wants us to believe that God is holding back on us. He wants us to think God is withholding things from us. When he's successful, we take things into our own hands because we tire of waiting on God.
    - **He deceives.** Eve knew she was deceived. He morally seduces. His seductive mental attack leads to failed moral actions.

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## Satanic Mind Wars Today

### Unbelievers

- 2 Corinthians 4:3,4
  - Unbelievers exist because Satan has blinded their minds so they can't see the light.

### Believers

- Romans 7:22-25
  - Flesh and old nature are waging a war against our mind.
    - There is a war against our inner man and our mind—as the mind goes, so goes the man.
    - The goal is to try to bring us into captivity and sin—to live a thwarted, harassed life as a believer, rarely, if ever, experiencing the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.
  - The good news is that God has not abandoned us. We are delivered through Jesus Christ our Lord.
    - Jesus Christ delivers us from our sinful flesh and our old fallen nature so we can serve God with an ever-renewing spiritual mind so we can win the mind wars that are waged against us; so we can think godly thoughts; so we can do godly actions and we can live godly lives.
    - What we do with our mind determines who we are and what we will do. We need to be a gatekeeper and win the mind war through Jesus Christ.