



Winning the Mind Wars Part 4

Review

- Proverbs 23:7
 - What we do with the thoughts we think determines who we are and what we do. There is a Satanic Mind War waged against your mind. It goes all the way back to Satan's attack in the Garden and it is rooted in lies! We must be a gatekeeper!
 - 1 Peter 1:13
 - Renewing our mind is necessary.

Renewing Our Mind

- Romans 12:2
 - Our mind needs to be renewed from its natural, carnal state into a spiritual mind. As it is renewed internally, it's manifested externally.
- God has given every believer everything we need to have a renewed mind and win the Mind Wars!

As Born-again Believers We Have Been Given the Mind of Christ

- 1 Corinthians 2:16
- 1 Corinthians 6:17
 - We have been given His mind because of our union with Christ and so we can think in agreement with His Word and Ways and live a transformed life!
- Hebrews 8:10
 - God has put His laws into our minds and written them on our hearts, God has already made a massive deposit in us! We can appropriate what is already in us! Too often we fight for victory when we should fight from victory.
- 2 Timothy 1:7
 - God has given us a sound mind.
 - To renew our natural minds, we must recognize and appropriate the mind of Christ that has already been given to us
 - Make this our daily confession: "I have the mind of Christ, God has put and written His law there. I have a sound mind!"

The Natural Mind is Renewed and Christ's Mind Grows Through the Word of God

- Ephesians 5:26
 - Believers are sanctified, made holy, cleansed and washed by the Word of God!
- How does God's Word do this?
 - John 6:63
 - The Word operates in the realm of the Spirit and brings the life of God to everyone who will believe it and receive it!

- John 17:17
 - We are sanctified, made holy, and transformed by the Word and Truth of God.
- Hebrews 4:12
 - The Word is living, powerful and penetrates all the way into our spirits and our minds. It transforms everything that we give it permission to transform and change.
 - The renewing of our mind through the Word of God is a spiritual, supernatural process. We can't be so naturally minded that we resist the power of the Spirit! Humble ourselves before the Living Word of God.
- How should we respond to God's Word?
 - Hebrews 4:2
 - We have to believe the Word of God or it won't profit (useful, benefit, advantage. Increase or grow) us. When we do believe the Word, our mind is renewed and our life is transformed! We can *read* it, or we can *experience* it.
 - Joshua 1:8
 - We need to speak the Word, meditate on it, and enjoy its power and prosperity.
 - Psalm 1:1-3
 - We need to delight in the Word, meditate on it, and enjoy its power and prosperity.
 - Psalm 119:15, 16.
 - We need to meditate, contemplate, delight, and never forget the Word.

Paul's Guidelines For Our Thoughts

- From a prison cell
- Philippians 4:8
 - **True:** First on the list and is the most important. Truth combats lies and makes us and keeps us free.
 - **Noble:** Honorable, honest
 - **Just:** Innocent, holy
 - **Pure:** Modest, chaste
 - **Lovely:** Friendly, welcoming and accepting
 - **Good report:** Reputable, well spoken
 - **Virtuous:** Excellence, valor
 - **Praiseworthy:** Commendable, Holy and good
 - Paul isn't allowing his own mind to be held captive, even being in prison and facing a death sentence.

Summary

- As believers, we have been given the mind of Christ.
- The power of the Word causes the mind of Christ in us to grow and renews our natural mind.
- We must believe and meditate on the Word of God.
- We need to use the guidelines in Philippians 4:8 for our thought life.