

Renewing of the Mind

IF WE ARE TO SUCCEED IN OUR DAILY WALK WITH GOD, WE MUST WIN THE BATTLE FOR OUR MIND.

Has Satan ever jumped out from behind a bush, twisted your arm, and made you sin? Of course not, that is not how he is allowed to operate. Quite simply, if we are in Christ, Satan has no physical power over us (1 John 5:18). However, Satan does have the ability to place thoughts on our minds. Therefore, we must "take captive every thought" (2 Cor. 10:5) to see if it lines up with Christ's will or truth.

GOD HAS A MIND

Isaiah 40:13 Who has understood the **mind** [Or Spirit] of the LORD, or instructed him as his counselor?
 1 Cor. 2:11 No one knows the **thoughts** of God except the Spirit of God
 Num. 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his **mind**.
 1 Sam. 2:35 I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in my heart and **mind**.
 Psalm 8:4 what is man that you are **mindful** of him,

GOD KNOWS THE THOUGHTS OF OUR MIND

Ezek. 11:5 but I know what is going through your **mind**.
 Psalm 7:9 O righteous God, who searches **minds** and hearts
 Job 21:27 I know full well what you are **thinking**, the **schemes** by which you would wrong me
 Psalm 26:2 Test me, O LORD, and try me, examine my heart and my **mind**;
 Jer. 17:10 I the LORD search the heart and examine the **mind**, to reward a man according to his conduct, according to what his deeds deserve."

WE ARE TEMPTED BY THOUGHTS

Gen 3:5 Satan tempted Eve through **reason** and he promised "**knowledge**"
 Eph. 6:11 Take your stand against the devil's **schemes** (from "nuos" - Greek for "mind", thinking", "insight")
 2 Cor. 2:11 in order that Satan might not **outwit** us. For we are not unaware of his **schemes**
 James 1:14 Each one is tempted when, by his own evil **desire**, he is dragged away and enticed.
 Acts 14:2 But the Jews who refused to believe stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their **minds** against the brothers.
 Rom. 7:23 My sin nature, waging war against the law of my **mind**

UNBELIEVERS & UNDISCIPLINED CHRISTIANS

Col. 1:21 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your **minds**
 1 Cor. 2:14 The man w/o the Spirit does not accept the things of God...he cannot **understand** them
 2 Cor. 4:4 The god of this age has blinded the **minds** of unbelievers so that they cannot see the light of the gospel
 Psalm 10:4 In his pride the wicked does not seek him in all his **thoughts** there is no room for God.
 Isaiah 32:6 For the fool speaks folly, his **mind** is busy with evil
 Rom. 1:21 For although they **knew** God, they neither glorified him as God or gave thanks to him, but their **thinking** became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.
 Rom. 1:28 They didn't **think** to retain **knowledge** of God, so he gave them over to depraved **minds**
 Rom. 8:6-7 The **mind** of sinful man is death, but the **mind** controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful **mind** is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.
 Phil. 3:18-19 Many live as enemies of the cross...their **mind** is on earthly things
 Matt. 16:23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in **mind** the things of God, but the things of men."
 Ps. 119:113 I hate double-**minded** men, but I love your law.
 James 1:6-8 He prays with belief and not doubt, or else he is double-**minded** and unstable in all he does
 James 4:7-8 Purify your hearts you double-**minded**
 Prov. 12:8 A man is praised according to his **wisdom**, but men with warped **minds** are despised.
 1 Cor. 14:20 Brothers, stop **thinking** like children. In regard to evil be infants, but in your **thinking** be adults.
 Titus 1:15-16 ¹⁵To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their **minds and consciences** are corrupted. ¹⁶They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.

CHRISTIANS HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST

1 Cor. 2:16 For who has known the **mind** of the Lord that he may instruct him? But we have the **mind** of Christ.
 2 Tim. 1:7 We have been given a spirit of **self-discipline** (NASB-sound **mind**)

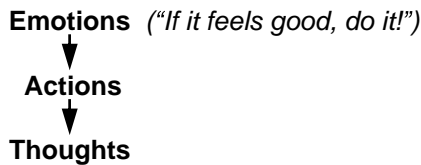
THE SPIRIT SPEAKS TO OUR MINDS

John 14:26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will **teach** you all things and will **remind** you of everything I have said to you.
 1 John 2:20-21 You have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you **know** the truth.
 1 Cor. 2:12-13 We have received the Spirit from God so that we may **understand** what God has freely given us
 1 Ch. 28:12 He gave him the plans of all that the Spirit had put in his **mind** for the courts of the temple
 Job 38:36 Who endowed the heart with **wisdom** or gave **understanding** to the **mind**
 Jer. 31:33 I will put my law in their **minds** and write it on their hearts.
 Luke 24:45 Then he opened their **minds** so they could understand the Scriptures.

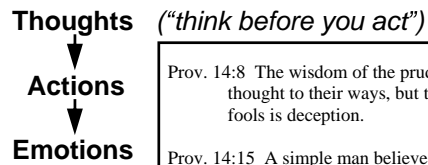
THOUGHTS LEAD TO ACTION

Rom. 8:5 Those who **live** according to the sinful nature have their **minds** set on what that nature desires; but those who **live** in accordance with the Spirit have their **minds** set on what the Spirit desires.
 Eph. 2:3 When we were dead in our transgressions, we **followed** sinful **desires** and **thoughts**
 Mark 5:15 When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, **sitting** there, **dressed** and in his right **mind**
 Rom 1:28-32 ²⁸Furthermore, since they did not **think** it worthwhile to retain the **knowledge** of God, he gave them over to a depraved **mind**, to **do** what ought not to be done. ²⁹They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity.

World's Pattern



God's Pattern



Prov. 14:8 The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways, but the folly of fools is deception.
 Prov. 14:15 A simple man believes anything, but a prudent man gives thought to his steps.

WE ARE TO DISCIPLINE OUR MIND

Rom. 12:2 Be transformed by the renewing of your **mind**
 Eph. 4:23 To be made new in the **attitude** of your **minds**
 2 Cor. 10:5 Take every **thought** captive
 Col. 2:8 Don't get taken captive by hollow & deceptive **philosophy**
 Phil 4:8 Whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent or praiseworthy, **think** on such things
 Rom. 13:14 Do not **think** about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature
 Col. 3:2 Set your **minds** on heavenly things
 1 Peter 1:13 Prepare your **minds** for action
 2 Peter 3:1 I have written to stimulate you to wholesome **thinking**
 Deut. 11:18 Fix these words of mine in your hearts and **minds**
 John 15:18 If the world hates you, keep in **mind** that it hated me first.
 Phil 4:7 God's peace will guard your **minds** through prayer
 Isaiah 26:3 Peace is given to those with a steadfast **mind**
 Matt. 22:37 Love God with all your heart, soul, & **mind**
 Phil. 2:5 Your **attitude** should be the same as Christ Jesus
 Rom. 7:25 I myself in my **mind** am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to sin
 Acts 4:32 All the believers were one in heart and **mind**. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own
 1 Cor. 1:10 Be perfectly united in **mind & thought**
 1 Peter 4:7 Be clear **minded** and **self-controlled** so that you can pray

APPLICATION
 Don't drink alcohol
 Don't do drugs
 Don't get hypnotized
 Don't watch worldly TV/movies
 Do get in the Word
 Do pray