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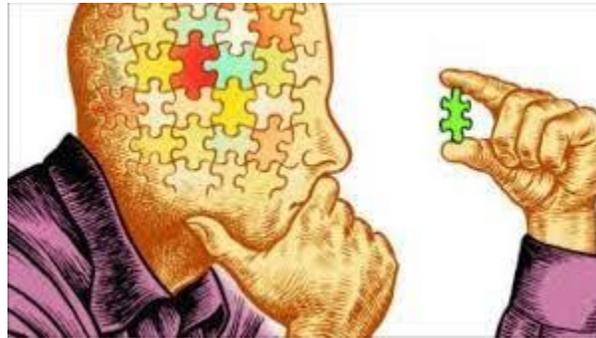
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Bringing the mind into submission to Christ.....

How to deal with the thought realm:

Stand apart from your mind.

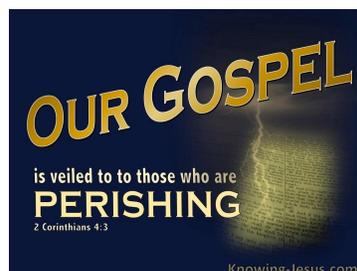
What is going on in it?



2 Corinthians 10:4-5a tells us the devil wants to build strongholds, proud arguments and walls against God in your mind.

5b says that you are to take captive EVERY thought and make it obedient to Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:4 says that the way the devil keeps people from seeing the light of the Gospel is to 'blind their minds'.



Blinded: typhloo #G5186

**to blunt the mental discernment, darken the mind, dulling of the intellect,
metaphorically: smoke**

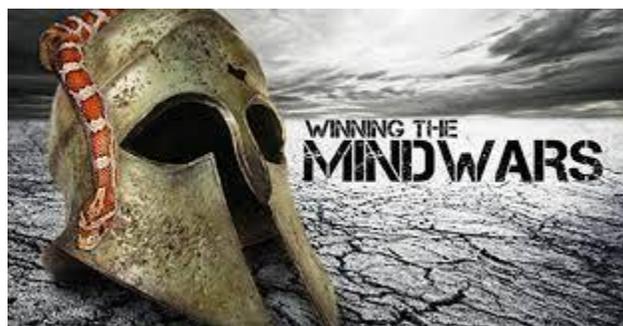
The world's definition of mind: the way a person thinks, perceives and reasons. In science the mind is entirely caused by workings of the brain.

The Scriptural definition of mind: nous #G3563

- **the mind, comprising alike the faculties of perceiving and understanding and those of feeling, judging, determining**
- **the intellectual faculty, the understanding**
- **reason in the **narrower** sense, as the capacity for spiritual truth, the higher powers of the soul, the faculty of perceiving divine things, of recognising goodness and of hating evil**
- **the power of considering and judging soberly, calmly and impartially**

Winning The 'Mind Wars'

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 Verses & Definitions



Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

3 For though we walk (**live**) in the flesh, we are **not** carrying on our **warfare** according to the flesh and using **mere human** weapons.

4 For the weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood], but they are **mighty before God** for the **overthrow** and **destruction of strongholds**,

5 [Inasmuch as we] refute **arguments** and **theories** and **reasonings** and **every proud and lofty thing** that sets itself up **against** the [true] knowledge of God; and we **lead every thought** and purpose away captive into the **obedience** of Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

Easy to Read

5b We also **capture** every thought and make it **give up** and **obey** Christ.

Expanded Bible:

4b Our weapons have **power from God** and can destroy **the enemy's strong places**.

Disciples Literal

3 For [though] walking in the flesh, we are **not waging-war** in accordance with the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly, but powerful **in** God for the tearing-down of **fortresses**.

J.B. Phillips New Testament

The truth is that, **although** of course we lead normal **human** lives, the battle we **are** fighting is on the **spiritual** level. The very weapons we use are **not** those of **human** warfare but **powerful in God's warfare** for the

destruction of the enemy's strongholds. Our battle is to **bring down** every **deceptive fantasy** and **every imposing defence** that men **erect against** the **true knowledge** of God. We even fight to capture **every** thought until it **acknowledges the authority of Christ.**

Weapons: hoplon #G3696

- Arms prepared for warfare
- an implement or utensil or tool (literally or figuratively, especially, **offensive** for war):—armour, instrument, weapon.

Warfare: strateia #G4752

- an expedition, campaign, military service, warfare
- **Metaphorically:** Paul likens his contest with the difficulties that oppose him in the discharge of his apostolic duties, as warfare

Carnal: sarkikos #G4559 (5-physical senses and the body which is their home)

- having the nature of flesh, i.e. under the control of the animal appetites
- governed by mere human nature not by the Spirit of God
- having its seat in the animal nature or aroused by the animal nature

Mighty: dynatos #G1415

- able, powerful, mighty, strong

Pulling Down: kathairesis #G2506 (interestingly this is a feminine noun)

- Demolition, destruction

Stronghold: ochyroma #G3794

- a castle, stronghold, fortress, fastness
- anything on which one relies
- of the arguments and reasonings by which a disputant (the world, the devil, your body) endeavours to fortify his opinion and defend it against his opponent

Casting down: kathaireo #G2507

- To take down, refute, destroy (reasonings, theories, arguments)

Imaginations: logismos #G3053

- a reckoning, computation
- a reasoning: such as is hostile to the Christian faith
- a judgment, decision

High thing: hypsoma #G5313

- a barrier or in antagonistic exaltation

Exalts itself: epairo #G1869

- Raise up above

Bringing into captivity: aichmalotizo #G163

- to subjugate, to bring under control

Thought: noema #G3540

- a mental perception, thought
- that which thinks, the mind, thoughts or purposes

Obedience: hypakoe #G5218

- **To comply with**
- **To submit to**
- **To come under**

....for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal (2 Cor. 10:4)

What then is this spiritual weapon? The Word of God.

Ephesians 6:17

.....the sword of the S(s)pirit which is the Word of God.



When you the recreated spirit(pneuma) follows the Holy Spirit(pneuma), when He takes up the Sword of the Word(rhema) of God, you will too.



Ephesians 6:10-18 J.B. Phillips

Be forewarned and forearmed in your spiritual conflict

10-18 In conclusion be strong—not in yourselves but in the Lord, in the power of his boundless resource. Put on God’s complete armour so that you can successfully resist all the devil’s methods of attack. For our fight is not against any physical enemy: it is against organisations and powers that are spiritual. We are up against the unseen power that controls this dark world, and spiritual agents from the very headquarters of evil. Therefore you must wear the whole armour of God that you may be able to resist evil in its day of power, and that even when you have fought to a standstill you may still stand your ground. Take your stand then with truth as your belt, righteousness your breastplate, the Gospel of peace firmly on your feet, salvation as your helmet and in your hand the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. Above all be sure you take faith as your shield, for it can quench every burning missile the enemy hurls at you. Pray at all times with every kind of spiritual prayer, keeping alert and persistent as you pray for all Christ’s men and women.

The Helmet of Salvation: there is no thought that will not bow to the Word of God

Hebrews 4:12

King James: For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Message: God means what he says. What he says goes. His powerful Word is sharp as a surgeon's scalpel, cutting through everything, whether doubt or defense, laying us open to listen and obey. Nothing and no one can resist God's Word. We can't get away from it—no matter what.

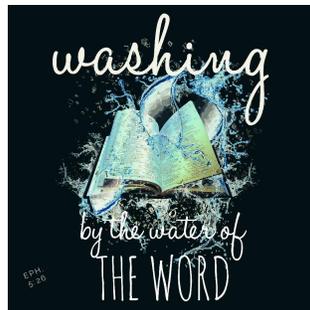
Amplified Classic: exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart.

Let's Do It:

After examining a thought, ask: "Is this truth according to my being a new creation in Christ? According to Christ living in me?"

If it isn't, then 'pour in the clean water' and 'drive' the dirty water out.

Ephesians 5:26: the washing of the water of the Word.



SOME CLEAN WATER

According to Jesus' words in John 4:24, God is a spirit. God made me in His image (Genesis 1:26), therefore I am a spirit.

According to 2 Corinthians 5:17, since I the spirit am in Christ, I the spirit am a new creation, my old moral and spiritual condition, my sinful nature has passed away, I am in the new world of God's Dear Son and in my new nature all things are of God.

According to Galatians 2:20 it is no longer I that lives, but it is Christ Who now lives in me in the new creation I have become. I now live by and in the faith of the Son of God Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Since Christ lives in me, I can boldly declare that 'Greater is He that is IN me than he (satan) that is in the world, 1 John 4:4.

Since I have received the Son, I have Zoe, God's very Life living in my recreated spirit, because the person who has the Son has this Life according to 1 John 5:11-13.

God's Life in me is superior to ANYTHING that tempts, assaults, torments, or tries to overcome me.

I have passed out of spiritual death where these forces of darkness rule and into spiritual life, John 4:24 under the rule of Life as God has it.

I have authority over all the works of darkness because this Authority is the quality of God's Life in me, I resist the devil in that Authority and the devil flees from me, 1 Peter 5:8&9.

Wisdom, Righteousness, Sanctification and Redemption are at work in me for Jesus in me is all of these to me, 1 Corinthians 1:30.

I quicken my faith in these realities by acknowledging the Truth of them, Philemon 1:6.

These are the facts for those in Christ.

I am in Christ therefore they are facts about me.

I live BY FACT.

And FAITH IN THE FACT.

I think on these things for they are true, honest, just, pure, lovely and of a good report, Philippians 4:8.

I 'pour in the clean water' of God's Truth and 'empty out' the dirty water of reasonings, imaginations and high thoughts that exalt themselves against this knowledge from God's Word.

I am not what I think.

I am a spirit.

I examine what I think.

I bring 'every' thought into captivity to the TRUTH AS IT IS IN CHRIST, and IN CHRIST IN ME.

