

WALKING WITH JESUS

IN THE ARMOR OF GOD

CCIC BELIEVE:

1. CHRIST IS OUR CENTER. Galatians 2:20.

- "I no longer live but Christ lives in me"

2. LOVE IS OUR BOND. Colossians 3:14.

- "Put on love which bind them all together in perfect unity"

3. GOSPEL IS OUR MISSION. Mark 16:15

- "Go and preach the Gospel to all nation"

"We are Christ centered motivated by God's love to fulfill His Mission"

STRUCTURE:

1. TEACH THE WORD. 2TIMOTHY 3:16-17
2. TEACH TO PRAY. LUKE 11:1
3. TEACH TO LOVE GOD AND THE PEOPLE.
MARK 12:30-31
4. TEACH TO GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES.
MATTHEW 28:19-20

"We grow by the Word of God, have power through prayers, learn to love God by loving the people, go and make disciples.

TEXT:
Ephesians
6:13-17

“Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, **you may be able to stand your ground**, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, which you can **extinguish the flaming arrows of the evil one**. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

INTRODUCTION

- God calls every believer to guard and protect the mind because the mind is the battlefield where faith, obedience, and spiritual victory are won or lost.
- Every day we are exposed to influences that compete for our thoughts-temptation, fear, doubt, worry, false teaching, and worldly values. The enemy knows that if he can influence our thinking, he can influence our actions..

INTRODUCTION

- But God has provided everything we need to protect our minds through His Word, His Spirit, and the armor of God.
- “A PROTECTED MIND LEADS TO A FAITHFUL LIFE.”

I. PROTECTED
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ON GOD.
ISAIAH 26:3

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- “You will keep in perfect peace
those whose minds are steadfast,
because they trust in you.”
- A. Peace begins with a mind that trust
God.
- B. A steadfast mind is stable because it is
anchored in God’s promises.
- C. Trust overcomes fear and anxiety

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- How are we going to apply it?
1. Begin each day by focusing on God.
 2. Replace fearful thoughts with God's promises.
 3. Develop a habit of meditation on Scripture.

II. A PROTECTED MIND REJECTS THE ENEMY'S LIES.

2Corinthians
10:3-5

- “³ 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.”

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- Paul teaches believers to:
 - A. Use a divine power.
 - B. Destroy arguments and pretensions that oppose God's truth.
 - C. Reject false ideas.
 - D. Take every thought captive to obey Christ.

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A. Use a divine power:

- The power of the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:8.
- The power of the Gospel. Rom. 1:16
- The Power of God's Word. Eph.6:17 Heb.4:12.
- The power of prayer. James 5:16
- The power of Faith. 1John 5:4
- The power of God's grace. 2Cor.12:9
- The power of Christ. Phil.4:13 Eph. 3:20

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B. Destroy arguments and pretensions that oppose God's truth.

- The Greek word for arguments is [logismoi] refers to human reasoning, false philosophies, deceptive ideas, and opinions that oppose God's truth.
- These include:
- False teaching about God.
- Human wisdom that rejects the gospel.
- Rationalizations that excuse sin.
- Religious traditions that contradict God's Word.

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Example:

- The serpent argument to Eve: Did God really say? Genesis 3:1-5.
- The Pharisees rejecting Jesus despite the evidence. John 5:39-40
- False teachers who distorted the gospel. Galatians 1:6-9

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C. What are the Pretensions?

- The Greek Word means anything exalted or lifted up in pride against God's truth.
- Human Pride.
- Intellectual arrogance.
- Self-righteousness.
- Idolatry.
- False Religions.
- Any belief system that refuses to submit to Christ.

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D. What is the knowledge of God?

- This is not merely knowing facts about God.

It means:

- Knowing God through Jesus Christ.
- Understanding His truth revealed in Scripture.
- Receiving the gospel of salvation.

Anything that prevents people from knowing Christ is one of these “arguments” or “pretensions.”

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E. What does “taking every thought captive” mean?

- Paul shifts from attacking false ideas to controlling our own minds.

Believers should:

- Examine every thought.
- Rejects thoughts that contradict Scripture.
- Replace lies with God’s truth.
- Submit every attitude and decision to Christ authority.

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This is part of guarding the mind and renewing it through God's Word. Romans 12:2.

- “² Do not conform 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.”

III. A
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PSALM 119:11
ROM. 12:2

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- “¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart
that I might not sin against you.”
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"THE BEST DEFENCE AGAINST DECEPTION IS
KNOWING GOD'S TRUTH."

A. Adam and Eve were defeated by Satan by neglecting the Word of God.

B. Jesus defeated Satan by saying, "It is written."

C. God commanded Joshua to read the Bible and meditate it day and night and put it into practice to become successful.

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APPLICATION:

- Read the Bible daily.
- Memorize Scripture daily.
- Study God's Word consistently.
- Apply Biblical truth to daily decisions.

IV. A
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PHILIPPIANS
4:8-9

- “⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, 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.”

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- True, Noble, Right, Pure, Lovely,
- Admirable, Excellent, Praiseworthy.

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FOCUS OUR MIND AND APPLY THESE
DAILY."

CONCLUSION

- “OUR THOUGHTS SHAPE OUR WORDS, ACTIONS, AND CHARACTER.”

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IV. A POTECTED MIND PRODUCES GODLY LIVING.

- PHILIPPIANS 4:8-9

CONCLUSION REFLECTIONS

1. WHAT THOUGHTS MOST OFTEN
DISTRACT YOU FROM TRUSTING GOD?
2. AM I FILLING MY MIND MORE WITH GOD'S
TRUTH OR WITH WORLDLY INFLUENCES?
3. WHAT PRACTICAL STEPS WILL I TAKE THIS
WEEK TO GUARD MY MIND MORE
FAITHFULLY?