

# *Taking Every Thought Captive*



**“...and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.”**

**II Corinthians 10:5b (NASB)**

**Part 3: Winning The War For Your Heart  
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# **I. TAKING EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE**

## **A. WINNING THE BATTLE FOR YOUR MIND**

1. “Bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ”  
(II Corinthians 10:5b NKJV)
2. “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus”  
(Philippians 2:5 NKJV)

## **B. WHAT CHARACTERIZES THE MIND OF CHRIST?**

1. Meekness and humility
2. Philippians 2:5-11 (NKJV and NIV)
3. Matthew 11:28-30

## **C. “THINKING” THAT IS LACKING IN MEEKNESS AND HUMILITY**

1. Angry, bitter and jealous thinking
  - a) I Samuel 18:8-10
  - b) Ephesians 4:26-27; 31
2. Unforgiving thinking  
Matthew 18:28-35
3. Bitter envy and selfish ambition thinking  
James 3:14-16 (contrast with verse 17)
4. Prideful and covetous thinking
  - a) Proverbs 13:10
  - b) James 4:1-3
  - c) Romans 12:3
5. Judgmental thinking  
Matthew 7:1-5

6. Self-righteous and condescending thinking  
Luke 18:9-14
7. Ungrateful and rebellious thinking
  - a) Romans 1:21-32
  - b) I Samuel 15:23

**D. HOW TO TAKE EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE**

1. **REPENT** (A change of mind)
  - a) Luke 13:3
  - b) II Corinthians 7:10
2. **RECEIVE** The Yoke of Jesus  
Matthew 11:28-30
3. **RESIST** The Devil  
James 4:7
4. **RENEW** Your Mind  
Romans 12:2  
See **“The Christian’s Identity In Christ”**
5. **REMEMBER:** **“Above all else, guard your heart.”**  
Proverbs 4:23

## **II. APPLICATION**

- A.** In your thought-life, can you identify with any of the “Thinking” that is listed in Part “C” of this outline? If so, please list.
- B.** Are you willing to take captive your “thinking,” that you have just identified, so that it is obedient to Christ? (II Corinthians 10:5b)
- C.** If so, please apply **“HOW TO TAKE EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE”** (Part D) to your “thinking”.

## ◆ The Christian's Identity In Christ ◆

<i>Matthew 5:13, 14</i>	I am the <b>salt</b> of the earth and the <b>light</b> of the world
<i>John 1:12, 13</i>	I am a <b>child of God</b> , born of God
<i>John 15:15</i>	I am Christ's <b>friend</b>
<i>John 17:23</i>	I am <b>loved</b>
<i>Romans 6:1-10</i>	I am <b>crucified, buried, and risen</b> with Christ
<i>Romans 8:1, 2</i>	I am <b>free</b> forever from condemnation
<i>Romans 8:15</i>	I am <b>adopted</b> into God's family
<i>Romans 8:17</i>	I am an <b>heir of God, co-heir with Christ</b>
<i>Romans 8:37</i>	I am <b>more than a conqueror</b> through Him
<i>1 Cor. 1:2</i>	I am <b>sanctified</b>
<i>1 Cor. 2:16</i>	I am a <b>possessor of the mind of Christ</b>
<i>1 Cor. 3:16</i>	I am <b>God's temple</b> ; God's Spirit lives in me
<i>1 Cor. 6:17</i>	I am <b>united</b> with the Lord, <b>one with Him</b> in spirit
<i>1 Cor. 6:19, 20</i>	I am one <b>bought with a price</b> ; I belong to God
<i>1 Cor. 12:27</i>	I am a <b>member of Christ's body</b>
<i>1 Cor. 15:57</i>	I am <b>victorious in Christ</b>
<i>2 Cor. 5:17</i>	I am a <b>new creation in Christ</b>
<i>2 Cor. 5:18</i>	I am a <b>minister of reconciliation</b> for God
<i>2 Cor. 5:18</i>	I am <b>reconciled</b> to God
<i>2 Cor. 5:20</i>	I am an <b>ambassador</b> of Christ
<i>2 Cor. 5:21</i>	I am the <b>righteousness of God</b> in Christ Jesus
<i>2 Cor. 6:1</i>	I am <b>God's fellow worker</b>
<i>Galatians 2:16</i>	I am <b>justified</b> by faith in Christ
<i>Galatians 2:20</i>	I am <b>crucified</b> with Christ
<i>Ephesians 1:1</i>	I am a <b>saint</b>
<i>Ephesians 1:4</i>	I am one <b>chosen</b> in Christ to be <b>holy</b> and <b>blameless</b>
<i>Ephesians 1:5</i>	I am one <b>adopted</b> by God through Jesus Christ
<i>Ephesians 1:6</i>	I am <b>accepted</b> in the Beloved
<i>Ephesians 1:13</i>	I am <b>sealed</b> with the Holy Spirit of promise
<i>Ephesians 2:6</i>	I am <b>seated</b> with Christ in the heavenly realms
<i>Ephesians 2:10</i>	I am <b>God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus</b> to do good works
<i>Philippians 3:20</i>	I am a <b>citizen</b> of heaven
<i>Colossians 1:14</i>	I am one <b>redeemed and forgiven</b> of all my sins
<i>Colossians 2:10</i>	I am one who is <b>complete in Christ</b>
<i>Hebrews 7:25</i>	I am <b>saved</b> to the uttermost
<i>1 Peter 2:9</i>	I am a member of a <b>royal priesthood, a holy nation</b>
<i>1 Peter 2:9, 10</i>	I am one <b>belonging to God</b> , part of His <b>chosen</b> people
<i>2 Peter 1:4</i>	I am a <b>partaker of the Divine Nature</b>