

Spiritual Thoughts

2 Corinthians 10:1-6

The Spiritual Mind's strength is the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:13-16). Spiritual mindedness does not come from human wisdom or understanding but comes only from the Spirit. For this reason, our warfare is not in the fleshly world but in the spiritual world. The Christians fight is not made with hands but with knowledge and understanding that comes from God.

With this spiritual understanding and wisdom comes obedience.

1. Casting down imaginations v.5

Casting down - kathaíreo (from kata – “down” and haíreo – “to forcibly own”
To forcibly take ownership of something

A. Imaginations - logismós (to reckon or reason as a calculated argument)
Arguing yourself into believing something

Forcibly take ownership of your thoughts and your reasonings. Argue with your thoughts and intentions intending to prevail against them.

2. Bring into captivity every thought v.5

Captivity - aichmalótos (a verb, meaning to take prisoner and lead away)
To bind up and lead away, by force, from where it was going to another place

A. To the obedience of Christ

Obedience – hupakoé (from akouo – “to hear” and hypo – “beneath”)
Literally, submission to what is heard from Christ

We are to forcibly wrestle our thoughts, our reasonings, our capacity to think, and bind them up so that they cannot run loose, and bring them to Christ, that His Word may deal with them justly.

When we do not wrestle against the flesh:

David let his thoughts run wild and sinned with Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11:1-5)

When we wrestle against our flesh:

Paul wrestled with his thoughts and made himself nothing so he could be filled with Jesus (Philippians 3:4-9)