

CONSECRATION

Father I surrender my heart unto you, my spirit, my soul and my body unto you. Everything I am and everything I have belongs to you; You are my God, My maker, my creator, my redeemer, my strong and mighty tower, my shield , my buckler. My strength, my song and my source. I belong to you Jesus, I do not belong to any other. I do not belong to the devil, I do not belong to the world and I don't even belong to myself. I belong to you Jesus; Have your way in my life. Rule and reign in my life. Take control of my life.



The Battle in the Mind Pt. 2.

Shilah Bible Study

ROMANS 8:5-6 NKJV

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Why Does Satan Battle For Control Of Your Mind.

1. To fill your mind with carnality and make it an enemy of God.
Rom.8:6-7
2. To frustrate your capacity to fulfill the most important commandment of loving God with all your mind. Matt.22:37-38
3. Your mind is his access to your heart and your mouth.
 - a. The issues of life flow from the heart. Prov.4:23
 - b. Faith is born and built in the heart and faith is the key to the livelihood of the believer. Rom.10:9-10; Hab.2:4b
 - c. And the mouth influences destinies. Prov.18:20-21; Matt.15:18-19
4. Because your thoughts determine your life and destiny. Prov. 23:7a.

Satan's Strategies Against Your Mind.

1. Satan shoots fiery darts of unbelief, negativity, doubt and fear into your mind always Eph.6:16
2. Satan projects thoughts that question God's authority into our minds. Gen.3:1-5
3. Satan uses the flesh to manipulate the mind to war against the spirit. Rom.7:22-23
 - a. Satan uses your own mouth, your eyes, ears, and even your senses of touch and smell to foster wicked thoughts in your mind.
4. Satan blinds the minds of unbelievers from the truth of the gospel. 2Cor.4:4

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5. Satan uses deception and seduction on the mind.

- a. When he tempted Eve he was disguised as a harmless serpent. Gen.3:1
- b. Satan uses lies, cults, and "religious spirits" to deceive millions in our world today. 2Cor.11:13-14
- c. Some of the deceptions Satan advances include the following appeals:
- d. Seducing spirits distort the truth of GOD'S word to seduce believers into false spiritual behaviors and extremes 1Tim.4:1-4
- e. For instance Satan distorted the word of God to seduce Jesus to throw himself down from the pinnacle of the temple. Lk.4:9-12

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6. Satan uses discouragement and depression to oppress minds.
 - a. To be depressed is to be downcast, sad, discouraged, or in low spirit.
 - b. Sometimes Satan uses circumstances of life to plant depression.
 - c. depression could also be a result of the negative attitudes of those around us through which Satan works. Deut.1:28; Num.21:4b
 - d. Discouragement means to be "without courage." Satan wants to discourage you because if you are "without courage," you are ineffective in warfare.

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 - e. King David often reflected discouragement in his Psalms.
Ps.69:1-3; 43:5
 - f. Even Apostle Paul also had times of discouragement and deep depression: 2Cor.1:8
 - g. All these discouragements and depressions flow through thoughts and perceptions coming from us, others and the devil

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7. Withdrawal: This is a strategy of the devil to isolate believers from the spiritual support of their family, their church and their community. He will attack the minds of believers with thoughts of division, rejection, offense, inadequacy and shame to isolate them from their spiritual support system so he could sweep in for the final kill or destruction without any resistance. E,g. Elijah: 1Kgs.19; Jonah: Jon.4:5-11
8. Rebellion: Satan projects rebellious thoughts into your mind. Rebellion is willful disobedience against God's authority. Rebellion includes self-will, stubbornness, and disobedience. Rebellion comes from putting self before God. Isa.14:12-14;

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9. Improper Motives. Satan attacks the minds of believers by subtly introducing improper motives to corrupt their desire to serve and then elevate those motives to mock their Christian service.
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 - b. The devil manipulated the motives of King David to number Israel and that weakened his position with God. 1 Chron.21:1,7;

1 SAMUEL 16:7 NKJV

But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have [a]refused him. For[b] the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

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1 CHRONICLES 21:1 NKJV

Now Satan stood up against Israel, and moved David to [a]number Israel.

1 CHRONICLES 21:7

And [a]God was displeased with this thing; therefore He struck Israel.

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10. Wrong Attitudes and Emotions. Satan also manipulates the minds of believers to develop wrong attitudes and emotions that become negative strongholds for the perpetuation of evil or oppression.
- a. He inserts fiery darts of envy, jealousy, suspicion, unforgiveness, distrust, anger, hatred, intolerance, prejudice, competition, impatience, judging, criticism, covetousness, and selfishness.
 - b. He provokes and implants wrong attitudes of greed, discontent, pride, vanity, ego, importance, arrogance, intellectualism, and self-righteousness. Wrong attitudes lead to wrong emotions and both stem from your thoughts. These attitudes and emotions render you ineffective in spiritual warfare. Jas.4:6

JAMES 4:6 NKJV

But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

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11. Accusations and condemnations. One of the most common ways Satan battles our minds is through accusations and condemnation. He sends fiery darts of accusation into your mind, makes you feel inferior, and condemns you. He will give you guilty feelings of shame, unworthiness, and embarrassment. That is why he is called the accuser of the brethren. Rev.12:10; Rom.8:1
12. Sexual Impurity. Another common way that Satan battles our minds is through projections of thoughts and images of sexual immorality and impurity. That kind of mental pollution frustrates faith and incapacitates the believer in spiritual warfare.

REVELATION 12:10 NKJV

Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

ROMANS 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who[a] do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

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13. Confusion. Satan also causes indecision, confusion, and frustration in your mind. When you are confused, indecisive, and frustrated, you obviously cannot be a good Christian soldier. 1Cor.14:33
14. Tormenting thoughts. There is a whole category of tormenting thoughts Satan sends into your mind including worry, anxiety, dread, apprehension, fear and nervousness. Mental torment can also come through an overactive mind that will not "shut off" or an under active mind that cannot function properly. Tormenting thoughts also include bitter memories of events that should be forgiven and forgotten. 2Tim.1:7

1 CORINTHIANS 14:33 NKJV

*For God is not the author of
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2 TIMOTHY 1:7 NKJV

*For God has not given us a
spirit of fear, but of power and
of love and of a sound mind.*

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15. Compromise. Satan manipulates believers to compromise their position. The principles of God and Satan are in opposition. Satan tries to get you to compromise and lower your spiritual principles. For example, he will tell you it is not necessary to be so holy, to believe the Bible literally, etc.
16. Distractions or wrong mental focus. This is one of Satan's most effective weapons. Getting you to focus on the things that really do not matter. The things that have no eternal or spiritual relevance. The things that perish with the using. The cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches. Lk.12:15; 21:34; 1Jn.2:15; 1Tim.6:10; Matt.6:33

1 JOHN 2:15 NKJV

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him..

LUKE 12:15

And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."

LUKE 21:34 NKJV

“But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with [a]carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly.

1 TIMOTHY 6:10

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

MATTHEW 6:33 NKJV

*But seek first the kingdom of God and
His righteousness, and all these things
shall be added to you.*

ALTAR CALL

Lord Jesus, I am a sinner and I need you to save me. I believe you died for me and rose on the third day that I may be justified. Today I confess and repent of all my sins; I forsake them; forgive me Lord Jesus; come into my heart Lord Jesus; be my Lord and savior; from today I confess you as my Lord and savior and promise to serve you in the name of Jesus

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MALACHI 3:3 NKJV

He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, That they may offer to the Lord An offering in righteousness.

PSALM 51:10

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

PRAYER 1

Father in the name of Jesus, I surrender my heart unto you, purify my thoughts, my motives and my desires and line them up with yours; do that for every member of this church as well in order to frustrate the strategies of the devil in our minds in the name of Jesus. Mal.3:3; Ps.139:23; 51:10

PRAYER 2

Now Pray for yourself. For your specific need. For your expectation, this month and this year. Php.4:6

MATTHEW 7:7-8

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened