

The Mind

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BATTLE READY

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*Love the Lord your God with all your...mind. (**Matt. 22:37**)*

Your mind is a battlefield...

*The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 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. (**2 Cor. 10:4-5**)*

• **The enemy of God wants your mind to “conform”** – “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world...” (**Rom. 12:2a**)

The devil’s primary strategy is deception and distortion –

*“He (devil) was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.” (**John 8:44b**)*

• **The Spirit of God wants your mind to “transform”** – “...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.” (**Rom. 12:2b**)

A renewed mind is...

• **Focused on the right inputs** – “Finally, brothers, 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.*" (**Phil. 4:8**)

- **Submitted to the right power*** - "The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace." (*Rom. 8:6*)

- **Immersed in the right truth** - "*Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking.*" (**2 Pet. 3:1**)

- **Aimed in the right direction** - "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." (**Col. 3:2**)

The point of a renewed mind isn't to know some principles but rather to know a Person...

*Because He Himself suffered when He was tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted. Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. (**Heb. 2:18-3:1**)*