

THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

(Godly Wisdom – Our Compass at the Crossroads of Life)

Part 5 – Winning the Battle in Your Mind

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1. Choose Wisdom: The _____ vs. the Word.

1 Corinthians 1:20 (NLT), “So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars, and the world’s brilliant debaters? God has made the **wisdom of this world look foolish.**”

1 Corinthians 2:13-16 (NLT), “¹³When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from **human wisdom**. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using **the Spirit’s words to explain spiritual truths**. ¹⁴But people who aren’t spiritual **can’t receive these truths** from God’s Spirit. It all **sounds foolish** to them and they **can’t understand it**, for **only** those who are **spiritual** can **understand** what the **Spirit means**. ¹⁵Those who are spiritual can evaluate all things, but they themselves cannot be evaluated by others. ¹⁶For, ‘Who can know the LORD’s thoughts? Who knows enough to teach him?’ But we understand these things, for **we have the mind of Christ.**”

2. Renew your Mind: Conform vs. _____.

Romans 12:2 (NIV), “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.”

Romans 12:2 (NLT), “Don’t copy the **behavior** and **customs** of this world, but let God **transform** you into a new person by **changing the way you think**. Then you will **learn to know** God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”

Romans 1:28 (NIV), “Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so **God gave them over to a depraved mind**, so that they do what ought not to be done.”

Romans 8:5-7 (NLT), “⁵Those who are **dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things**, but those who are **controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit**. ⁶So letting your sinful nature control your **mind** leads to death. But letting the **Spirit control your mind** leads to **life and peace**. ⁷For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God’s laws, and it never will.”

Ephesians 4:23-24 (NASB), “²³You are to **be renewed in the spirit of your minds**, ²⁴and to put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.”

3. Wage War: _____ vs. Physical

2 Corinthians 4:4 (NLT), “**Satan**, who is the god of this world, has **blinded the minds of those who don’t believe**. They are **unable to see** the glorious light of the Good News. **They don’t understand this message** about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.”

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NLT), “³We are human, but **we don’t wage war as humans do**. ⁴We use **God’s mighty weapons**, not worldly weapons, to knock down the **strongholds of human reasoning** and to **destroy false arguments**. ⁵We destroy every **proud obstacle** that keeps people from **knowing God**. We capture their **rebellious thoughts** and teach them to **obey Christ.**”

Colossians 2:8 (NLT), “Don’t let anyone capture you with **empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking** and from the **spiritual powers of this world**, rather than from Christ.”

Colossians 3:1-3 (NIV), “Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²**Set your minds on things above**, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and **your life is now hidden with Christ in God.**”

"Sow a thought, reap an action; sow an action, reap a habit; sow a habit, reap a character; sow a character, reap a destiny."
