

## The Right Mind Session 2 – The Warfare

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**Luke 8:35 (NKJV)** – *Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, **sitting** at the feet of Jesus, **clothed** and **in his right mind**. And they were afraid.*

#### I. Introduction /Review

##### A. The Man in the Tombs

###### 1. He was tormented

- a. Living in the tombs
- b. Crying out day and night
- c. Cutting himself
- d. Naked

###### 2. His Deliverance

- a. Sitting, clothed and in his right mind.
- b. The evidence of deliverance was, “He was in his RIGHT MIND”.
- c. If he was in his RIGHT MIND, he must have been in his WRONG MIND.
- d. Prior to deliverance, his life demonstrated the fruit of a wrong mind.
- e. After deliverance, his life demonstrated the fruit of a right mind.

##### B. QUESTION: Did the demon possession lead him into the wrong mindset or did his wrong mindset open the doors to the demons?

*Did demonic torment cause the wrong mindset or did the wrong mindset lead to demonic torment?*

*ANSWER: Most likely the man had given opportunity for the demonic torment due to a WRONG MINDSET. Once the demon had control, the mindset continued to a worse state.*

##### C. Our cooperation is required to enjoy the benefits of a right mind

###### 1. Scriptures to consider

**1 Corinthians 2:16 (NKJV)** – *For “who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?” But **we have the mind of Christ**.*

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**1 Peter 4:1 (NKJV)** – *Therefore, since Christ suffered <sup>[a]</sup>for us in the flesh, **arm yourselves also with the same mind**, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin*

**Philippians 2:5 (NKJV)** – *Let **this mind be in you** which was also in Christ Jesus*

**Colossians 3:2 (NKJV)** – *Set **your mind** on things above, not on things on the earth*

2. **While we have the mind of Christ it is still necessary for us to cooperate with Him.**
  - a. **Arm** ourselves with the mind of Christ.  
*It is possible to possess a gun but not arm yourself.*
  - b. **Let** the mind of Christ be in us.
  - c. **Set** our minds on things above.  
*It is possible to own a clock but some failed to set their clock to the right time.*
  - d. **This is our cooperation/our part that is necessary for us to maintain the right mind.**

## II. The Mind Battle – *The Battle is Real!*

### A. Scriptures to consider

1. **Galatians 5:16-17 (NKJV)** – <sup>16</sup>*I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.*

NIV – These conflict with each other

NLT – These two forces are constantly fighting each other

ESV – These are opposed to each other

All of these terms relate to war

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2. **Romans 8:6-8 (ESV)** – *<sup>6</sup>For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*

#### B. Why such warfare in the mind?

1. Everything is connected to the mind.
2. The only way Satan can take advantage of you is through the entrance of the mind. *Eve, Judas, Etc.*
3. Think About it; everything you experience has a connection to your mind.

*Dreams/Goals/Vision for life*

*Spiritual things/Serving the Lord/Refusing the Lord*

*Sin/Temptation*

*Depression/Anxiety*

*Many illnesses*

4. **How does Satan Take Advantage of People?**  
**Satan takes advantage of the world through spiritual blindness.**

**2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (NKJV)** – *<sup>3</sup>But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, <sup>4</sup>whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them*

5. **Satan takes advantage of Christians through spiritual blindness.**
  - a. This blindness is not on the same level as the unsaved
  - b. The Apostle Paul prayed for the churches to increase in understanding and enlightenment.
  - c. It is possible to see clearly some spiritual truths while being totally blinded to others.
  - d. Whatever we see clearly – we can receive!
  - e. Whatever we are blinded to – we fail to receive.

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#### C. The Battle of the Mind exists for two major reasons.

1. **Satan desires to keep you from receiving the life that God intends for you to have.**
  - a. My people are destroyed for the lack of knowledge – Hosea 4:6  
*Satan wins the battle of the mind through keeping many in ignorance. – NOT KNOWING!*
  - b. You Can't Have that.
  - c. God doesn't want you to have that.
  - d. You are not worthy to receive that.
2. **To entirely distort your view of God**
  - a. Doctrine/ Teachings
  - b. Traditions vs truth
  - c. Atheism
  - d. Final goal = Total destruction

#### D. Gods way of thinking/ The Worlds way of thinking

1. Two distinct systems
2. Two systems that are in total contrast
3. Two systems that lead to entirely different harvests
4. **Galatians 6:8 (NKJV)** – *For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.*

**Galatians 6:8 (GWT)** – *If you plant in [the soil of] your corrupt nature, you will harvest destruction. But if you plant in [the soil of] your spiritual nature, you will harvest everlasting life.*

Everlasting life = more than just living for eternity

*Everyone lives forever*

*Everlasting life is the flow of God's life in and through your life so that you will reap/receive every benefit that is connected to the life of the God/Life that it in God*

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**III. Stay in the Right Mind/Be intentional about it!**

**A. Intentionally Arm/Put on/Let:** *Be intentional about it/priority*

**B. Satan's attack is daily:** *Our Counterattack must be daily*

**C. Know God's Thoughts:** *Spend time getting to know God/ What he think/How he feels*

**D. Right Mind Definition**

1. Sound mind
2. Mind that is in harmony and agreement with God and His Word
3. A mind that is harmony with God's way of doing things
4. A mind that is not in conflict with God/His Word

**E. Keep your mind on track!**

**2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (NKJV)** – <sup>4</sup>*For the weapons of our warfare are not <sup>[a]</sup>carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, <sup>5</sup>casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,*

1. **If a thought doesn't harmonize/agree with what we know about God/CAST IT OUT!**
2. **If a thought doesn't agree with who God says we are/CAST IT OUT!**
3. **If a thought doesn't agree with what God says we can have/CAST IT OUT!**
4. **If a thought doesn't agree with God/it must not be of God/ it must be from another source/me or Satan/CAST IT OUT!**
5. **To Recognize the source of thoughts/is a significant part of the victory/WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?**