

Doctrine of Battle for the Mind

The Battle for Your Mind

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1. One of the most important things in our lives is the control of our minds.
 - *Proverbs 16:32 He that ruleth his mind is greater than he that taketh a city.*
2. The mind is that part of a person that thinks and reasons. As such, it is not morally neutral. It is either good or evil.
3. Our thoughts are powerful. They can harm us or do us good.
 - *Proverbs 23:7 As he [a man] thinketh...so is he*
4. The Bible has several things to say about the mind beginning with the fact the mind is naturally at war with God.
 - *Romans 8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.*
 - *Colossians 1:21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled*
5. Because of sin, the mind is an enemy of God. It will not obey the law of God. A person may say he believes in God, he many say he loves God, but he doesn't obey God.
6. Instead, his mind may be controlled by impure thoughts, eagerness for lustful pleasure, idolatry, spiritism (encouraging demons), hatred and fighting, jealousy and rage, constant effort to get the best for himself, complaints and criticisms, the feeling is everyone is wrong except for those who agree with self.
7. The apostle Paul says that such people will not inherit the kingdom of God.
 - *Galatians 5:21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*
8. If a person continues without repentance, without renewing the mind the Scripture says that God will eventually give him over to a "reprobate mind."
 - *Romans 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;*

9. The Bible says something else about the mind. The Bible says that a person can have a blinded mind.

- *2 Corinthians 4:3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

10. The reason for this blinded man is because of Satan

- *Ephesians 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:*
- *2 Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

11. The Bible talks about a doubtful mind. Jesus said,

- *Matthew 6:31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? Or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek :) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.*
- *Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

12. The Bible talks about the defiled mind.

- *Titus 1:15 Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.*

13. Jesus can cure the mind. He can transform it.

14. The Bible talks about the renewed mind.

- *Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

15. With a new mind a person can renounce the vanities, the prides, the jealousies and the lusts of the mind, and receive Jesus Christ into the heart and let Him control the mind, the heart, the conscience and the will.

- *Philippians 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: The mind of the Christ can, through the Holy Spirit, control the mind, the thoughts, and intents and actions.*

16. In order to order to have a renewed mind you must do three things.

- Repent of sin. *Luke 13:3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.*
- By faith receive Jesus Christ. Christ died that men might have life. *Matthew 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?*
- Follow Christ. *Romans 8:6 To be spiritually minded is life and peace.*

17. Would you like to have eternal life right now?

18. By way of review, in a negative way, the mind may be

- Hardened 2 Corinthians 3:14
- Blinded Romans 1:28
- Corrupt 2 Timothy 3:8
- Debased Romans 1:2-28

19. On the positive side the mind may be

- Renewed Romans 12:2
- Pure 2 Peter 3:1
- Love God Matthew 22:37
- Know God' s law Hebrews 6:8-10

20. Since Christians have the mind of Christ it is possible to enjoy unity.

- *1 Corinthians 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.*
- *Romans 12:16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.*
- *1 Peter 3:8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:*