

July 3, 2022: The Battle Of The Mind Introduction

Isaiah 26:3, *“You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.”*

2 Corinthians 10:5, *“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.”*

Philippians 4:8 ESV says, *“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.”*

What we really need is not positive thinking, but Godly thinking.

1. The Blessing: You are made in God’s Image

Genesis 1:26-27 with me: *“26 Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” 27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”*

2. The Problem: Our minds are corrupt.

Colossians 1:18, *“And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.”*

Romans 7:19, *“For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.”*

3. The Solution: We have Minds Reconciled, Redeemed, and Renewed.

Hebrews 4:15, *“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.”*

4. Our Journey: Thinking Godly Thoughts as We Repent of Sinful Thoughts