

Be Victorious for your Mind

Introduction

Today, I want you to be aware as you look to the person of Jesus and cultivate the power of right believing, you'll experience some battles in your mind that will challenge your beliefs. Be encouraged to know that you don't have to be afraid of these battles.

Our verse for this segment comes from Proverbs 23:7, **"For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. 'Eat and drink!' he says to you, but his heart is not with you."**

When you think of the past and all the hurt it has caused you, tell Satan to get behind you. You have all the authority over the enemy. The power that we give him is because we give it to him freely with our consent and cooperation.

Right Believing

Jesus said in John 8:32, **"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."** Based on God's Word, right believing is the key that unlocks the treasures of God in your life, giving you access to the fullness of His love, grace, favor, blessings, and forgiveness. Jesus has already paid the price on the cross. The hindrance between you and your victory is your wrong beliefs. Time to overcome and win the battle by changing your beliefs.

The enemy knows that if he can control your thought life, he can manipulate your emotions and feelings. For instance, if he can make you entertain thoughts of guilt, failure, and defeat, you will begin to feel lousy about yourself, physically weak, and even depressed.

Put your Emotions in Check

Our emotions are flags that indicate to us what our thoughts are and thank God for them. They tell us if something is terribly wrong with our thoughts. Many of us are not familiar when our thinking slides down a slippery slope to fear, doubt, unbelief, and anxiety. However, God has designed us in such a way that we can quickly recognize our thinking through our emotions. Whenever you begin to sense negative emotions, such as fear, worry, guilt, and anger, stop and ask yourself, "What am I thinking?"

Your emotions follow quickly at the heels of your thoughts. If your thoughts are negative, you will naturally produce negative emotions. Conversely, if your thoughts are positive in Christ, you will produce positive emotions. A foundation for good thoughts is Philippians 4:8, **"Finally brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things."**

Battle of the Minds

That is why there is a battle for your mind. The devil wants to keep your thoughts negative so that he can keep you defeated. He is a master of mind games, and he doesn't play fair.

When he first tempted Adam and Eve in the garden, he made them doubt God's motives by insinuating that God was deliberately withholding something good from them, when in reality God was protecting them. The devil's strategy hasn't changed. He is still using fears, lies, accusations, guilt, and condemnation to ensnare believers today and to make them doubt God's perfect love, forgiveness, and superabounding grace.

Conclusion

My friend, are there areas you are fearful and anxious about today? Realize that those fears and anxieties indicate the presence of wrong beliefs in your life that God wants you to be freed from. Replace those wrong beliefs with right beliefs based on God's Word, and you will eradicate those fears and anxieties. Through the power of right believing, you will win the battle for your mind. Amen!

I am Dale Van De Bogart and I approve of this message!

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