

What If I Thought Godly Thoughts?

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2 Corinthians 10:3-5

3 For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 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.

1. THERE IS A BATTLE RAGING FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

John 10:10

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

Galatians 5:17

the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other...

Proverbs 23:7

For as [a person] thinks in his heart, so is he. (NKJV)

2. THE WORD OF GOD AND THE HOLY SPIRIT ARE YOUR WEAPONS

2 Corinthians 10:5

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Romans 12:2

Do not conform any longer 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.

Galatians 5:22-23

22 The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control.

3. THE BATTLE IS WINNABLE

Isaiah 54:17

No weapon formed against you shall prosper... (NKJV)

2 Corinthians 10:3-4

3 ... we do not wage war as the world does. 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

Ephesians 4:22-24

22... put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Philippians 4:8

8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things.