

Reading: Romans 7:21-25

Topic: Battle Of The Mind #2

INTRODUCTION: Once our lives have been turned over to the _____ Jesus Christ then the great _____ begins in our minds.

I. OUR ENEMY – SATAN:

A. Studies His Prey:

1. The only way that Satan can really defeat the _____ of God is by attacking them through the avenue of the _____.
2. Satan will work in such a manner as to remain _____ and unrecognized during the battles, so the believer will be _____ of what is really going on. 2 Cor. 11:14

B. Uses His Schemes:

1. Devices – they are carefully designed _____ to destroy the child of God. 2 Cor. 2:11
2. Wiles – these are tricky schemes like _____ that are set to deceive the believer. Eph. 6:11
3. Deceit – the adversary changes the _____, but so little, that it can deceive one. Rev. 12:9

C. Mind Warfare:

1. Satan will try and plant _____ in the minds of people to destroy them and to try to ruin the _____ and other believers. Jn. 10:10
2. The thoughts one thinks are very much influenced by what one _____, _____, and reads during the daily life. Lk. 11:34
3. Satan breaks down _____ and godly characters through enticement and using repetition of his deadly _____, especially through the modern day media of TV, Video, Internet, Video games, Pornography, Rock music, etc. 1 Pet. 2:11

D. False Doctrine:

1. If Satan cannot entice some people to _____, then he attempts to deceive and _____ them by using some false doctrine. 1 Tim. 4:1
2. People who are _____ by Satan through false doctrine become _____ of the enemy to also deceive others and lead them astray. 2 Tim. 2:17,18

II. FIGHTING TO WIN:

A. The Whole Armor Of God:

1. The battle of the believer is not a _____ war, but a great spiritual war, fighting against an invisible _____ that works on the mind. Eph. 6:12
2. The Word of God states that in order for us to stand, we need the _____ armor of God, not half of it, or a part of it but _____ of it. Eph. 6:11,13

3. Many of the pieces of God's armor directly or indirectly affect the _____ - the helmet of Salvation covers the _____, the breastplate of righteousness protects our _____, shield of faith quenches the fiery _____ that Satan throws at our mind, the Sword of the Spirit which is the _____ of God to fight back the attack and persevering prayer. Eph. 6:14-17
4. All of the above weapons are given to us to _____ the victory in the battle of the mind, not to give up or lose the fight. 2 Cor. 10:3-5

B. Renewing The Mind:

1. The way to _____ in the battle of the mind lies in _____ of the mind on a daily basis and not giving place to the devil. Rom. 12:1,2
2. Prayer and the _____ of God renews and cleanses our mind from the worldly influence that Satan uses to try and _____ us. Jn. 15:3, Eph. 6:18

C. Controlling The Mind:

1. Jesus made it clear that most of man's problems and downfalls start in his _____, therefore if it can be stopped at the source, _____ will be the result. Mt. 15:18-19
2. The righteous man has programmed and disciplined his _____ to think on good things, which will bring _____. Phil. 4:6-8

CONCLUSION: The battle of the _____ carries on daily, but we will _____ when we use what God has made available to us.