

Reading: 2 Tim. 1:7

Topic: The Battle Of The Mind
Part 1

INTRODUCTION: The mind involves more than just the _____, a complex organ composed of billions of _____ which receive, control and send messages to operate the human body.

I. THE MIND:

A. Created By God:

1. When God created all living things, He _____ them into existence by the power of His word, but when God made man, He formed him with His own hands and _____ life directly into him and man became a living _____, different from all other creatures. Gen. 2:7
2. Plants respond to stimuli, and animals operate by their instincts, but _____ was given a mind and with it the power to think, to reason _____ and make decisions. Gen. 2:15-17

B. Definition:

1. The word "mind" in the Word of God is more than just the human _____, and it refers to the soul, the heart and imagination, including the intellect, thoughts and _____ of the individual. Mk. 12:30
2. The mind is the complex element in man that _____, perceives, thinks, wills and reasons and is the control _____ of our being, deciding the direction that our lives will follow. Ez. 11:5

II. THE NATURAL MIND:

A. Darkened By Sin:

1. Since the fall of _____ in the Garden of Eden, men's minds have been darkened by sin, therefore men and women lack _____ discernment and direction. Rom. 1:21
2. Men may have _____ knowledge, but they are in the _____ concerning God, and Satan has blinded them so they cannot _____ spiritually. 2 Cor. 4:4

B. Defiled:

1. There are people who claim to know the Lord, but like the rest of the _____, their manner of life exposes their _____. Tit. 1:15,16
2. The word "defiled" originally meant to dye with another _____, to stain, pollute or also to contaminate. Mk. 7:21-23

C. Depraved:

1. The word "depraved" means to be _____, ruined or debased, and a depraved mind is incapable of accomplishing anything that is spiritually profitable or _____. I Tim. 6:5, 2 Tim. 3:8

D. Dead Spiritually:

1. The mind of fallen man is _____, that is spiritually dead and separated from the life of the almighty life giving God. Rom. 8:6,7
2. The natural mind is unable to _____ towards God, and is named in the Scripture as the fallen _____ of God. Col. 1:21

III. THE REMEDY:

A. Conviction By The Holy Spirit:

1. The first step to remedy the state of the _____ mind is to be convicted by the Spirit of God in these aspects: John 16:7,8
 - a. Of Sin – The Spirit of God working with the _____ of God brings the conviction of _____ to man and reveals God's displeasure towards it. Acts 2:37
 - b. Of Righteousness – The Spirit of God leads men to live in the way of _____ and truth before God. Jn. 8:32, Rom. 8:14
 - c. Of Judgement – The judgement of Satan is already pronounced, and all those who do _____ the _____ mind will be judged with him. Mt. 25:41

B. Obedience To The Word Of God:

1. After the conviction comes, there must be _____ and obedience to the Word of God in order to be _____ again and receive the new mind. Jn. 3:6,7
2. When one repents, is _____ in the Name of Jesus Christ and receives the Holy Ghost, the new life in the Spirit begins and walking in that way produces a new _____, the mind of Christ. I Cor. 2:16

CONCLUSION: The _____ birth gives us a _____ mind and then there is a real battle that begins for control of our mind. It is a battle but one that can be _____.