

Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

Topic: Battle Of The Mind # 4

INTRODUCTION: There is a real _____ that goes on in the mind of every child of God at times, but there is a way to _____ and win the victory.

I. MIND CONTROL:

A. *The Assault:*

1. The adversary of our soul will use any method he can find to assault the _____ of the believer and bring him down, for he knows that as a man _____ in his heart, so is he. Pr. 23:7
2. Fleeting thoughts will be fired at our _____ by the enemy, and done in a subtle way so as to make us think that we are evil and no longer _____ to be God's child.

B. *Fight Back:*

1. If God's Word has given us a command to "_____ on these things," then with the help of the power of God it can be _____. Phil. 4:8
2. It takes discipline to cast aside the destructive _____ that are sent our way by the enemy but God has given us the _____ to do it. 2Cor. 10:3-5

II. THE MIND FILTER:

A. *True Things:*

1. This type of true things is not just referring to that which is opposite to _____, but also to reality or that which is genuine. Jn. 8:32
2. Many people seek today to escape _____ and subject their minds and thoughts to the unreal world of TV shows, video games, _____ and unwholesome reading – things that assault the mind with unclean thought that will lead to future _____. Lk. 11:34,35

B. *Honest Things:*

1. The word "honest" here refers to that which is honorable or that which inspires _____, the things that lead to righteousness and _____ actions.
2. The Christian mind cannot be continuously occupied with _____ and nonsense, and then expect to produce a life of _____ values. Pr. 24:9

C. *Just Things:*

1. The word "just" here means looking at things from _____ perspective and using God's value system.
2. Satan tries to use all kinds of _____ influences to feed his value system into our _____ and to try and _____ the believer to follow the world's value system. I Jn. 2:15-17

D. *Pure Things:*

1. The word "pure" refers to abstaining from that which contaminates, corrupts, _____ or

defiles the heart and _____, particularly in sexual matters. Titus 1:15

2. The way to _____ thinking is to avoid unclean things – what you see, listen to, and read will greatly affect the way you _____. Ps. 101:3

E. Lovely Things:

1. The word “lovely” refers to that which is _____ or agreeable and brings _____ of mind to the individual. Pr. 15:26
2. Dwelling on thoughts of nasty _____ that have been said to us, or nasty _____ that have been done to us will only bring irritation and cause us to lose our _____ of mind. Ph. 3:13

F. Good Reports:

1. This phrase means “well spoken of” or positive, which is an asset to our _____ when we dwell on good reports rather than the _____ aspects of our life. Pr. 25:25
2. Negative reports, if we dwell continuously on them will serve to bring discouragement and _____ and destroy our _____, so we must think on the good things. Num. 13:32

G. Virtuous Things:

1. The word “virtue” refers to excellence and strength together, and places importance on the things of eternal _____, not just the temporal things of life.
2. The child of God whose thoughts are on heavenly _____ will learn to rise above the mundane tasks of everyday life and live with _____ in view. Col. 3:1,2

H. Praise Worthy:

1. The thoughts that we think should be such as would bring _____ and glory to God, and have God’s approval, as we ask ourselves the question, “Will this thought bring _____ to God? I Cor. 6:20

III. THE RESULT – VICTORY:

A. Perfect Peace:

1. When we use the Scriptural mind _____, the result will be that we will win the _____ of the mind and have the _____ of God ruling in our hearts. Is. 26:3; Phil. 4:7-9

CONCLUSION: Every child of God who will use the Scriptural _____ filter, will be able to live in victory.