**The Battle for the Mind!**

* Last week we spoke what was sanctification, today we will speak on the need for satisfaction.
* God has given us a gift and it is the ability to think!
* As Believers we can now, Think Biblically.
* Spiritual Maturity is growing in knowledge” and making choices that line-up with the Bible.
* Spiritual Deadness in unbeliever is seeking knowledge anywhere!
* Socrates said “the only good is knowledge and the only evil is ignorance.
* God says -Psalms 111:10 “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do His commandments: His praise endureth forever.
1. **We cannot Battle a Strong fight with the Mind alone!**
* The need is great and God is willing to help us!
* Romans 7:18 “For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.
1. **God works in an understanding way!**
* Proverbs 3:19-20 “The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens. By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds. drop down the dew.
* God see things and knows things and acts based on truth and love and not on feelings!
* Quote “Listen to God not your gut! God is filled with truth and your gut is filled with junk food.
* Job 6:24 “Teach me, and I will hold my tongue: and cause me to understand wherein I have erred.

1. **God wants us to grow in an understanding way too!**
* **A good “Battle of the Mind” is acting in a wise and biblical way.**
* Proverbs 14:8 “The wisdom of the prudent is to understand His way, But the folly of fools is deceit.
* What keeps people from understanding?
* Sinful Pride - Sinful Pleasurable -Over whelmed with Problems.
* Not seeking God.
* A Man told John MacArthur “ I don’t want God and the Bible to govern our country!
1. **The Principle thing!**
* Proverbs 4:7 “Wisdom is the principal/beginning thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.
* Going to the Creator is the beginning.
1. **Why does God call wisdom a principle thing?**
* Because everything should start with God and His Guidance! No God in us, no correct guidance.
* Only God gives true knowledge- Eccel. 9:17 “The words of wise men are heard in quiet more than the cry of him that ruleth among fools.
1. **Wisdom of God and eternal life!**
* Eccel. 7:12 “ For wisdom is a defense, and money is a defense: but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it.
* God is life – and those believing in His Word and His Existences, will have Life everlasting and full of glory!
* 1 Peter 1:8 “Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:
1. **Paul told this message to the church at Thessalonica**
* 1 Thess. 4:1 “Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God;
1. **What are the main things I need to do with my mind?**

The 3 E’s \The 3 Great Commandments

1. Exalt the Savior – Love the Lord your God with…
2. Encourage the Saints – Love your neighbor ….
3. Evangelize the Sinners – Go into all the world…
4. **What gets us in trouble?**
* When we stop thinking of God and focusing on us –
* 1 Cor. 14:37 “If any man **think** himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.