

## The Power of Being Transformed

The battle within, the struggle between what is outwardly visible and what happens in the secret place of our thoughts, is one that every believer faces.

However, God has given us the means to bring our thoughts into alignment with His will through His Word.

Our minds are the most private and intimate part of our being. While we may appear righteous outwardly, our thoughts often tell a different story; wandering, bitter, anxious, or even deceitful.

We can put on a front of peace and contentment, yet inside, we may be wrestling with darkness and turmoil.

The good news is God has not called us to remain in a state of mental and emotional bondage.

He calls us to a higher life in Christ; one that rises above darkness, sadness, and hopelessness.

He desires our minds to be transformed, so that even our thoughts reflect His holiness.

Deuteronomy 11:18 instructs us to *bind* God's Word to our minds and hearts.

Deuteronomy 11:18 *"You shall lay up these words of mine in your heart, and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes."*

The Hebrew meaning of bind, "to knit together," paints a powerful picture. Just as individual fibers are woven together to form a strong and enduring fabric, we are to intertwine the Word of God with our thoughts, emotions, and will until His truth becomes part of the very fabric of our lives.

This happens as we live by the Word, making Scripture a continual part of our thought life. We are called not merely to read the Word casually, but to meditate upon it; to pause, consider, and allow its wisdom to penetrate deep within the heart. In meditation, the Word moves beyond information and begins to shape our perspective, our decisions, and our character.

As we listen to the wisdom within the Word, the voice of God begins to rise above the noise of the world and the instability of human emotion. His truth steadies the mind, strengthens the inner man, and teaches us to walk in harmony with His Spirit. Over time, His Word

becomes woven into who we are, transforming us from within and revealing the life of Christ through us.

I would use 3 x 5 cards, and write out scriptures that stuck out to me, and carry them in my pocket. It's like chewing on His word all the time; it's quite an amazing experience!

Jeremiah 15:16 *"Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O Lord God of hosts."*

So we learn to surrender to the wisdom of God's Word, aligning our thoughts with His truth rather than being ruled by our feelings. We learn to affirm His promises, speak them over our lives, and allow them to shape our identity in Christ.

Because the mind directs the course of our life, when the Word of God transforms our thinking, it also transforms the way we live. As His truth takes root within us, our desires, decisions, and actions begin to come into harmony with His will, and His life becomes evident through us.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 reminds us that our spiritual weapons are mighty in God, capable of tearing down mental strongholds and bringing every thought under Christ's rule. This is the key to victory in the battle for the mind.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 *"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty in God, for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments (imagination), and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ."*

At the core, it comes down to surrendering our thoughts, desires, and emotions to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. This is not a passive act but an active pursuit; a daily, passionate seeking of Him. As we do this, our minds become renewed, our emotions are healed, and our lives begin to reflect the holiness to which we are called.

A Holy Thought Life - Leads to a Holy Life

As 1 Peter 1:13-16 exhorts us, we are to *"gird up the loins"* of our minds and pursue holiness.

1 Peter 1:13-16 *"Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; but as He who called you is holy, so also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, 'Be holy, for I am holy.'"*

This calls us to be intentional about what we think upon, what we allow into our hearts, and what influences the direction of our lives. The battle for holiness begins within the mind, for our thoughts eventually shape our desires, our choices, and our conduct.

The transformation of the mind is not merely an inward experience, but an outward testimony of the living work of Christ within us. As the Word of God renews our thinking, it begins to reorder our lives according to His wisdom rather than the impulses of the flesh or the emotions of the moment.

If we allow the Word of God to transform the way we think, it will transform the way we live. His truth will begin to govern our actions, His character will be revealed through our conduct, and His will shall be manifested through our lives on earth as it is in heaven.

And this becomes the beginning of a mighty revival in the earth, for the light of the gospel of Christ will rise and shine through a people transformed by His presence. As the children of God are unified in the power of His might, walking together in truth, humility, and love, the witness of Christ will shine with increasing brightness in a darkened world.

This revival is not built upon the strength of man, human systems, or empty emotion, but upon hearts fully surrendered to the living Word of God and empowered by His Spirit. As believers come into unity under Christ, the body begins to reflect the fullness of Him who is the true Light of the world. Then the gospel will not merely be spoken with words alone, but revealed through lives transformed by His power, and the glory of God will be made manifest throughout the earth.