

Troubleshooting the Christian Life

II Corinthians 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Casting down = (kathaireo *kath-ahee-reh'-o*) to pull down, demolish

Imaginations = (logismos *log-is-mos'*) a judgment, decision: such as conscience passes (Opinion)

High thing = (hupsoma *hoop'-so-mah*) thing elevated, height

Exalteth itself = (epairo *ep-ahee'-ro*) to be lifted up with **pride**, to exalt one's self

Against = (kata *kat-ah'*) down from

Knowledge = (gnosis *gno'-sis*) intelligence, understanding

God = (theos *theh'-os*) the **only** and true God

Bringing into captivity = (aichmalotizo *aheekh-mal-o-tid' zo*) to lead away captive

Every = (pas *pas*) each, every, any, **all**, the whole, everyone, all things, everything

Thought = (noema *no'-ay-mah*) that which thinks, the mind, thoughts or **purposes**

Obedience = (hupakoe *hoop-ak-o-ay'*) compliance, submission

Christ = (Christos *khris-tos'*) anointed

Demolish decisions and **all** things elevated or lifted up with pride, down from, the understanding of the only and true God and leading away captive **all** thoughts or purposes to the compliance (conforming or **adapting one's actions** to another's wishes) of The Anointed ONE

_____ away my ideas that may be contrary to _____ and captivating any thought by _____ Christ!

- Man is a _____ - _____ creature.
- We will call the parts of man:
 1. _____ **our flesh** (earthly desires, emotions, How do I feel)
 2. **Mind our Central** _____ **System** (Why we do what we do)
 3. **Spirit** = (dead before we accept Christ) = **God's Holy Spirit**
- The order of these three in a person will determine what kind of person he is.

6 arrangements of these three and how that effects a person

***This will help us categorize ourselves so we can see the areas that we need to _____ in**

Before Salvation:

1. _____ controlled man - 1st _____, 2nd mind, 3rd spirit (dead to Christ)

These are the most dangerous crowd.

"If it feels good do it."

-Their mind is above their spirit so they have **little regard for God** and the Bible. Their **body** is then in control of **everything**, so the live to **please their physical desires** without the regard for God!

- **This is the crowd who runs the _____ world.**
- **They are only interested in appealing to their own physical desires and the physical desires of others**

2. Unsaved _____ man - 1st mind, 2nd _____ (dead to Christ), 3rd spirit

The mind is over the body, yet the body is in control of the spirit.

-This man would have character because his mind is over the body and is probably successful.

-One reason he is not saved is because he has little confidence in Christians who put their bodies over their minds.

-This type of person **will not be reached** unless they meet a _____ who is what he claims to be **all of the time.**

3. _____ Person = 1st mind, 2nd spirit(dead to Christ), 3rd _____

This is dangerous because the mind controls the spirit.

- This man is religious because the spirit controls the body yet since the mind controls the spirit **he refuses to accept the Bible and the God of the Bible.**
- He wants to figure everything out **so he refuses to accept God by faith.**
- This group includes liberals, cultists, legalists (**those who attach anything to salvation**)
- Often these people are used by _____ in the educational field to corrupt the minds of their students toward God and Christianity.

After Salvation:

4. _____ Christian = 1st _____, 2nd Spirit (Alive in Christ), 3rd mind

This means that the body is controlling the spirit and the spirit is controlling the mind

-Since the mind is controlled by the spirit. This man is also saved, yet since the body controls the spirit and the mind, he probably is **into a religion the appeals to the flesh.** Whether in music, appearance, or emotions as long as it appeals to the _____ he will attend.

5. An _____ Christian = 1st Spirit (Alive in Christ), 2nd _____, 3rd mind

This means that the **spirit tells the body what to do which then tells the mind** what to do.

-Since the spirit is ahead of the mind he is saved.

-Since the body controls the mind the result is a Christian that struggles with Bible reading, prayer, witnessing, finances because it interferes with his body's desires. Though he means well – **he lacks**

_____ - _____

6. A _____ Man = 1st Spirit (Alive in Christ), 2nd Mind, 3rd _____ (emotions)

This means that the spirit tells the mind what to do which then tells the body what to do.

-This is a man that allows the spirit to tell him what his appetites can be then his mind controls his body and its appetites – **man of** _____