

THOUGHT CONTROL

Take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ - 2 Corinthians 2:5
We have the mind of Christ. - 1 Corinthians 2:16

I was blessed to hear hundreds of messages in church, but it was not until I was age 28 that I heard a message about the **Battle for the Mind**. Larry Tomczak gave a three part message on that subject at Jesus '78, where 40,000 people gathered on a farmer's field in Mercer, Pa. Thoughts shape our lives and events that take place in history. Jesus warned us that before he returns to earth, the world be like the days of Noah. - Matthew 24:37

The Lord saw that the wickedness (depravity) of man was great on the earth, and that every imagination or intent of the thoughts of his heart were only evil continually. Genesis 6:5 Amplified

(The chart here is my edited version from the book: Freedom To Choose by Ernest Gruen)

The Holy Spirit is the source of all that is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent and praiseworthy. It is his peace that guards our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. - Philippians 4: 6-8. The fruit of the Spirit is the pure character of Jesus Christ that God wants to manifest through us. Satanic spirits send demonic thoughts which can turn into habits and sometimes to absolute obsession and a stronghold of influence. The results are devastating and destructive.

HOLY SPIRIT FRUIT	DEMON THOUGHTS/FRUIT	DEMON HABITS	DEMON CONTROL
LOVE	Unforgiveness, Resentment, Bitterness	Hatred	Murder
JOY	Depression, Despair, Discouragement	Hopelessness	Suicide
PEACE	Worry, Confusion, Restlessness	Hyper Anxiety	Nervous Breakdown
PATIENCE	Hurried, Selfish, Anger	Brooding anger, wrath	Violence
KINDNESS	Harsh, Cruel, Merciless	Unreasonable	Insane
GOODNESS	Filthy & Evil Thoughts	Immorality	Perversion
FAITHFULNESS	Doubt, Unbelief, Indecision	Atheism	Blasphemy
GENTLENESS	Self Ambition, Pushy	Manipulation, Domination	Witchcraft
SELF CONTROL	Addictions, Compulsiveness Gossip, Slander	Emotional Instability	Maniac

THE BATTLE FOR THE MIND

As we glance at the world around us, we see a battle of ideas. A recent survey by George Barna reveals that only 6% of professing Christians have a Biblical worldview. Only 2% of those Christians under age 30 have a Biblical world view. In the last two years we have seen the growing suppression of alternate views and truths which are contrary to the ideas of those in the establishment media, medicine, education and governments around the world.

I have studied cults and had encounters with some in previous years. **Cults brainwash people** and seek to isolate their subjects from any ideas contrary to the cult leaders views. They shame people who question them and just use them for their own power, profit or sexual pleasure. **How can you tell if a person is brainwashed? They no longer think for themselves and just follow the herd, the crowd or the consensus views of the world systems.** The Founders of this country gave us the 1st Amendment of the Constitution which guarantees freedom of speech. Those who seek to stop free expression of ideas, want to take steal our God given freedom.

‘...wickedness of men who suppress the truth by wickedness of men.’ - Romans 1:18

See that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ. - Colossians 2:8 NIV

Jesus gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age. - Galatians 1:4

I question whether there is anything that keeps the Christian from growing so much as the present evil world. **For growing means departure from the herd, a lifting of your head above it.** This the herd tries to prevent. **Society demands conformity.** But the Christian is a departure upward. He gets out of step, for ‘he hears a distant drummer’. He is no longer an echo; he is a voice. He is not a thing; he is a person. The herd dominance is broken. - E. Stanley Jones / A great missionary evangelist to India etc.

Jesus was put on trial and was crucified on a cross because he did not follow the herd, but spoke truth to the corrupt power systems of religion. Jesus walked in victory and so can we, if we listen to the Spirit, the Word, take authority over the strongholds and put on the mind of Christ That will help us to win the battle for the mind.

*For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for the **pulling down strongholds**, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.*
2 Corinthians 10:3-6 NKJV

P.S. More detail about **strongholds** in the **Kingdom Warfare** section: jesusreigns.net

