

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

## THE BATTLE FOR THE MIND

As we glance at the world around us, we see a battle of ideas. Only 9% of professing Christians have a Biblical worldview. 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. Many truth tellers have been kicked off of You Tube and have gone to new sites such as Rumble, which does not suppress free expression of ideas.

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 freedoms. The 2nd Amendment allows citizens to possess firearms. I personally do not like guns, but I support that amendment. Gun grabbers are quick to condemn guns while ignoring the real causes of crime. We had plenty of guns back in the 50's and 60's but far less gun crime. What changed? It's not what is between the fingers, but **what is between the ears.** What has changed in our culture. Violence in movies, music and TV has multiplied. Respect for God, morals and character values has been greatly diminished. Young males are the prime culprits of crime and far too many had no fathers in the home or just plain bad fathers. We may need more and more police to help stop crime, but that will never be enough. That is only external. What we need is a renewed awareness of a loving God who is also Holy and Awesome in Power to whom all mankind will one day give account to for their actions and motives.

All of us have broken the speed limit in our cars. When we spot a cop car, we instinctively slow down, hoping we were not caught. What if you had a policeman ride with you each time you got into your car? Now that would really keep you in line! Christians should be aware that the Holy Spirit is close by at all times and sees all that we do. Christians must be salt and light in a dark world. That should make a difference in how we walk and talk. Those who seek to keep God out of our culture and institutions are permitting evil to reign in society.

*'.... 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 etc. 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 of 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*

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