

## Developing a Blessed Mentality

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### **2 Corinthians 10:3-5**

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. <sup>4</sup>The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. <sup>5</sup>We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

### **Philippians 4:4-9**

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. <sup>9</sup>Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

*Paul calls on believers to fill their thinking with the eight-fold focus in verse 8.*

*This is a call to dominate our thinking by determining to fill our minds with things that are blessed, not cursed.*

*Your mind is the thinking center that determines your reality.*

### **What the Bible says about lost peoples' minds:**

1. Blinded by spiritual forces of evil

#### **2 Corinthians 4:4**

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

2. Thinking becomes futile.

#### **Romans 1:21**

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

3. Full rejection of God leads to a depraved mind.

#### **Romans 1:28**

Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done.

*The mind was what Satan attacked in the Garden:*

**2 Corinthians 11:3**

But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

*Identity is developed and maintained in our minds:*

**Proverbs 23:7 (KJV)**

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

*John the Baptist and Jesus' first message was, "Repent!"*

*Repent literally means to turn/change your mind.*

*Unlike the unbeliever...*

**The believer has authority over the mind by being in Christ:**

1. We have the mind of Christ.

**1 Corinthians 2:16**

"For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

2. Paul repeatedly calls the believer to set his mind on the Lord and His stuff.

**Colossians 3:2**

Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

3. The key to being Spirit-led is a mind set on the Spirit's desires.

**Romans 8:5**

Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

*Believer, you have POWER over your thought life.*

*Your thought life will determine your emotional state and your life's focus and direction.*

*Reclaim your thought center. Take it back and start to seed into it blessed Kingdom thinking.*