

Texts: Proverbs 23:7, I Peter 4:1-2, I Peter 1:13, Romans 7:18-25, II Corinthians 10:3-5, Romans 8:5-9, Isaiah 55:7-9, Nehemiah 4:6, and Jeremiah 29:11-14.

So many of God’s precious people go through life defeated and never fulfill their divine destiny because they never get victory and control in their mind. They never realize the tremendous power their mind has in regards to the power it can give their life. As a result, they fail to discipline, control, and regulate it to be in compliance with the mind of Christ or God mind that they are given through their born again salvation experience. They fail to realize that the mind of Christ gives them the power and ability to think like God if they discipline themselves to continually eliminate ungodly thoughts of sin, fear, doubt, worry, confusion, defeat, negativity, and failure out of their thought process. See also Philippians 2:5.

Many believe that their failures and defeats come from bad luck, bad timing, bad family backgrounds, and other negative circumstances. But in actuality, they don’t understand that their failures and defeats in life come as a result of losing the war in the mind.

In fact, some don’t even realize that there even is a war. Make no mistake, there is

a war, and we have an enemy who constantly attacks our minds with negative and demonic thoughts of fear, doubt, worry, confusion, failure, defeat, low self-esteem, hopelessness, and anything that will paralyze us by keeping God’s thoughts of faith, victory, power, success, joy, peace, courage etc., from flowing in our minds. The devil knows that we’ll always be what our thoughts are, so he keeps attacking us with the thoughts that will keep us down, discouraged, and defeated. We must do what James 4:7-8 and I Peter 5:8-11 say and resist his thoughts in our mind with the thoughts of God’s supernatural and life-giving word. To do this, we must constantly expose ourselves to God’s spoken and written word. Remember faith, which fights fear, doubt, and worry comes from hearing God’s word; Romans 10:17 says.

Proverbs 23:7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

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These next verses tell us very clearly that as born again believers and sons of God we have the mind of Christ, which is actually God’s mind. But we must guard, discipline, develop, train, keep pure or purge, and constantly renew it to keep the devil’s attacks from altering it in our lives.

Philippians 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

1 Corinthians 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

1 Peter 4:1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

Through this verse, we can see that when we’re armed with the mind of Christ, we can keep our flesh under subjection to the spirit and keep it from engaging in sinful practices.

1 Peter 4:2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

When we are governed, controlled by, and submitted to the mind of Christ, we no longer live in the flesh controlled and

sinful lifestyle we used to live in following the will of sinful man, but the will of God.

1 Peter 4:3 For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:

4 Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:

1 Peter 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

Here Peter is instructing us to get a strong grip on our mind and make it sober or sound and stable by the word of God so the devil can’t invade it with negative sinful and wasteful data that can cause us to lose in life.

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Once you get the **Power** of God’s word working in your mind on a consistent basis you have a strong supernatural defense system that can guard you against the thoughts of fear, doubt, despair, discouragement, confusion, low self-esteem, hopelessness, and defeat that the devil bombards us with daily to get us to give up or quit. The more supernatural power of God and His word you have in your mind, the more supernatural power of God you have in your life, because **Mind Power is Life Power.**

Did you know that the human mind, through human natural intellect, processes around 650,000 thoughts every 24 hours - some conscious and some subconscious? This gives the spiritual principalities and rulers of the darkness of this world discussed in Ephesians 6:12-13 many opportunities to explode deceptive missiles of fear, doubt, despair, discouragement, confusion, low self-esteem, hopelessness, and defeat, and other demonic and negative devices in your mental headquarters for your life (mind).

You must initiate as many spiritual and word-centered thoughts of supernatural success victory, prosperity, power, Godliness, and everything God says about you in His word as possible. The more God thoughts you consciously initiate in your mind, the more God power you will

have in life because **Mind Power is God Power.** Look at what the Apostle Paul says we should do.

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.

5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

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Please bear in mind that the word of God is all these things, so if you constantly think on His word, and hear it spoken constantly you'll have **Mind Power which is Life Power.**

In Isaiah 55:7-11, we find the combination of God's mind and thoughts coming from His spoken word combined together causing success, victory and prosperity to those who are constantly exposed to His spoken word, which reflects His thoughts. Only those who master practicing this endeavor will end up experiencing God's supernatural and God empowered success and prosperity. Will you be one of those or not?

Isaiah 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Beloved, we must get rid of ungodly, sinful, and unrighteous thoughts so God can empower us with His supernatural thoughts, which are much higher than our natural, carnal, and sinful thoughts which keep us in despair, defeat, doubt, and dilemma.

Isaiah 55:8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

These next verses indicate that the word that He has spoken is what is necessary to get our thoughts and ways to the same level as His, which causes us to experience His supernatural success, and prosperity.

Isaiah 55:10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

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When you renew your mind like

Romans 12:2, and Ephesians 4:23 say through constant exposure to God’s spoken word, then you can change your thought patterns and begin to conceive the supernatural things that I Corinthians 2:9 talks about: “Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things, which God hath prepared for them that love Him.”

If you can see in your mind these eternal, unlimited and supernatural things, you can experience them because your mind can convince your faith to believe, and all things are possible to them that believe according to Mark 9:23.

We must realize that **Mind Power is Life Power** and we must win the war in the mind to have *Mind Power*. We must take control and take full responsibility for and exercise complete authority over our mind and thoughts to have God’s supernatural power and victory in life. We must defeat flesh and carnality.

2 Corinthians 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

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;

These verses make it clear that we are in mental warfare and that our weapons include the Spirit of God (Holy Ghost), and His word, which enable us to cast down the wicked and deceptive imaginations that rob us of what God has ordained for our lives.

It’s important to note that the word *imaginings* in verse 5 comes from the Greek word *logismos*, and means: ***reasonings, calculations, computations hostile and contrary to the Gospel or word of God***. So any thoughts that are contrary to what God says about us should be immediately cast out of our mind, less we become a victim of them.

Just as your body needs to be fed the right natural food to be healthy and strong, your mind needs to be fed the right spiritual food to be healthy and strong: **The Word of God** on a regular basis.

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Many physical attacks start in your mind. Sometimes you think you’re sick before you’re really physically sick. You must

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constantly think health, life, prosperity, holiness, etc., to have, and be those things. Constantly think and meditate those scriptural truths that declare your health, healing, and life. Here are a few: Exodus 15:26, Exodus 23:25, Psalms 103:1-5, Psalm 107:20, Isaiah 53:5, Jeremiah 30:17, Matthew 8:17, I Peter 2:24, John 10:10, II Timothy 1:9-10, Psalm 118:17, John 8:51, Isaiah 28:14-18, Hebrews 2:14-15, Proverbs 10:2, Proverbs 11:4, Proverbs 12:28, and Proverbs 11:19. In Romans 8:5-9, the Apostle Paul teaches us to not allow carnality to kill us. *Carnality* is a word that has its origin in the Greek word *sarx*, which refers to *the nature of flesh in that it is sensual, and controlled by animal appetites, governed by human sinful nature, instead of the spirit of God.* There are two forces competing for control of our minds: the carnal nature of flesh, and the re-born spirit nature of our re-born inner spirit from Jesus Christ, which is controlled by the Holy Spirit. One follows the appetite of the sinful flesh; the other follows the principles and truth in the life-giving word of God. See also John 14:26 and John 16:13 and see the great benefits of having the Holy Spirit. Paul plainly shows that carnal mindedness leads to nothing but death and spirit mindedness leads to life and peace.

Romans 8:5 For they that are after the

flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

Addendum

To have Mind Power for Life Power, you must force your mind to think of you as identical to what God says you are, you can do, and what you have. Also, concentrate on what He has done or will do for you, rather than the current appearance of your life or condition. If you were raised in poverty and lack, you must think the word of God as it relates to abundance for you. Some examples are John 10:10, Psalm 115:14, I Thessalonians 4:10-12. Study and learn God's thoughts about you and adopt them about yourself. See Jeremiah 29:11.

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John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life,

and that they might have it more abundantly.

Psalms 115:14 The LORD shall increase you more and more, you and your children.

15 Ye are blessed of the LORD which made heaven and earth.

16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

1 Thessalonians 4:10 And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more;

11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

12 That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.

Many times we fail to process God's thoughts towards or about us based on God's unlimited ability and as a result limit our lives. We must focus on His thoughts and ability as indicated in His word and not our current seemingly situation. God always thinks and sees us beyond our visible limited situation.

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith

the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Please note that the word *expected* comes from the original Hebrew word *tikvaw* and means: *hope, live, expectancy, thing that is longed for*. Also, note that the word *end* comes from the original Hebrew word *akh-areeth*, and means: *latter, future, posterity, reward*.

We must realize that God has a hopeful and live reward planned for our future contained in His thoughts about us. We must also realize that God's power and ability that actually resides and works in us exceeds our normal asking and thinking. Therefore, we must stretch, expand, enlarge, and increase our thinking and asking in order to give God something to get involved with concerning us.

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We literally think and ask too small because we allow people and our environment to suppress us to small un-God like thinking and asking. If we can get our thinking and asking to be like God's then we can have Mind Power,

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which is also **Life Power**.

Ephesians 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

Many of us fail to realize that to get change in our life, we must get change or renewal in our minds. Mind renewal is a daily process and must be practiced daily for our lives to change for the better. We can't keep thinking poverty, lack, defeat, and failure, and see our lives change into prosperity wealth, victory, and success.

Ephesians 4:23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

This verse shows that mind renewal is a spiritual activity, which has to involve God's word.

Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

It's interesting to note that the word *transformed* in Romans 12:2 comes from the Greek word *metamorphoo*, which means *going through a complete change, which under the power of God, will find expression in character and conduct*. In other words, we will change from earthly

to supernatural, becoming Christ-natured. It's also interesting to note that the Greek word for *renewing* in this same verse is *anakainosis*, which *denotes the adjustment of the moral and spiritual vision and thinking to the mind of God, which is designed to have a transforming affect upon one's life*. You could say that it will make a person different from their past and produce a person who thinks, acts, and talks like Jesus.

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