INTRODUCTION
- 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.”
- Philippians 2:5, “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus” (KJV)

LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU
(Derived from The Mind of Christ, by T.W. Hunt)

A. REASONS
- What is our goal as believers, as disciples? Answer: To be like Christ.
- John 13:15, “For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.”
- 1 Peter 2:21, “To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps”
- Ephesians 4:24, “and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.”
- Colossians 3:10, “and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.”

GOD’S STANDARD
- Six times the N.T. describes or implies what the Christian’s mind is to be like. In each case the passage mentions the word “mind.”
- From these we can derive six adjectives that describe God’s ideal for the mind.

1. ALIVE
- Romans 8:6-7, “The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. 8 Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.”
- Matthew 4:4, “It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

2. PEACEFUL
- Romans 8:6, “but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace.”

3. SINGLE-MINDED
- 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.”
- Compare that with a double-minded man…he is unstable in all his ways. (James 1:8)
4. HUMBLE
   - Philippians 2:3, “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.”

5. PURE
   - Titus 1:15, “To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted.”

6. SENSITIVE AND RESPONSIVE
   - Luke 24:45, “He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.”
   - John 8:28, “I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught me.”

PRINCIPLES
- The N.T. gives three specific commands that concern the mind. These can be summarized in the following principles which can be seen as the beginning, middle, and ending stages of a process that culminates in spiritual maturity.

1. THE WILL PRINCIPLE
   - Colossians 3:2, “Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.”
   - 2 Corinthians 10:5, “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.”
   - Jesus set His will from the beginning so that in the Garden He was able to say, “Yet not what I will, but what you will.” (Mark 14:36)

2. THE RIVER PRINCIPLE
   - Romans 12:2, “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”
   - John 7:38, “Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.”
   - Pond Principle vs. River Principle

3. THE READINESS PRINCIPLE
   - 1 Peter 1:13, “Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed.”
   - Qualities of wisdom from James 3:13-4:3. Ways to be ready.
II. THE BATTLE FOR THE MIND

- The battle for the mind is not fought on the plane of human ingenuity or ability. You can’t outsmart or outmuscle the flesh or the devil on your own. Your weapons must be “divinely powerful” if you are going to win a spiritual conflict.
- Strongholds are negative patterns of thought, which are burned into our minds either through repetition over time or through one-time traumatic experiences.

THE MIND IS A BATTLEFIELD

- Isaiah 55:9, “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”
- Channel 1 vs. Channel 2. God’s pattern vs. human patterns
- Proverbs 3:5-6 (Channel 1), “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”
- Which Channel are you listening to?
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, “For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 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.”

1. BEFORE SALVATION

- In 2 Corinthians 10, the words “demolish arguments” and “take captive every thought” reflect that the mind of man is the scene of battle where the evil spirits clash with God.
- Satan blinds men's minds: 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."
- The battle for the earth is won or lost in the way men think and through the gospels the rulers impose upon the masses

2. AFTER SALVATION

- 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."
- "Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is” and "find out what pleases the Lord” Ephesians 5:17, 10.

IDENTIFYING STRONGHOLDS (Based on material by Jack Taylor)

1. ADMISSIONS
   a. All of us have areas in which we struggle.
   b. None of us is as free as we can be, as we want to be, or as Jesus died to make us.
2. **IDENTIFICATION OF STRONGHOLDS**
   a. A repeated area of concern or thoughts.
   b. The presence of conditions you would never choose, such as fear, doubt, or anxiety.
   c. A repeated action; such as continually asking for forgiveness, justifying your actions so that you can live with yourself, irrational behavior.

3. **POSSIBLE STRONGHOLDS**

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A. **TEARING DOWN STRONGHOLDS**

1. **HONESTLY FACE AND IDENTIFY STRONGHOLDS.**

2. **CONFESS SINS WHICH HAVE PERPETUATED THEM.**
   - Confession is agreement with God, 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

3. **CLAIM THE WEAPONS NECESSARY TO PULL DOWN STRONGHOLDS**
   - His Name, Acts 3:16, (Peter, referring to healing of crippled beggar) "By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see."
   - His Blood, Rev. 12:11, "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death."
   - His Word (written and revealed), Heb. 4:12, "For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." Eph. 6:17, "The Sword of the Spirit."
   - Our Testimony Rev. 12:11
   - Our Commitment Rev. 12:11
4. **BATTLE FOR THE MIND**
   a. Give thanks in all circumstances, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, "Be joyful always; pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
   b. Engage in Constant Praise of God, Heb. 13:15, "Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise--the fruit of lips that confess his name."
   c. Avoid the hazards of murmuring and grumbling
      - Philippians 2:14, "Do everything without complaining or arguing..."
   d. Pray - Use the offensive weapon of prayer. Ephesians 6:18, "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions..."
      - Pray when tempted
      - Designate prayer targets

5. **USE THE TRUTH OF THE WORD OF GOD TO COUNTERATTACK THE LIES OF THE ENEMY.**
   - Examples
     - LIE: I have failed therefore I am a failure
     - TRUTH: Though I have failed, I have been redeemed from the curse and can do all things through Christ.
     - LIE: I've been rejected; therefore, I am unacceptable.
     - TRUTH: Jesus died for me; God has accepted me in Christ. I am acceptable.

6. **STAND FAST IN YOUR LIBERTY**
   - Galatians 5:1, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."
   - Resist the agenda of the enemy, John 10:10, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."
**Evaluation of Your Current Mental State**  
*Two opposing mental states. Where on the line are you?*

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