

*The Battle for the Mind*  
**2 Cor. 10:1-5**

*The conflict into which the Christian is introduced is first a spiritual one, and in its essence it is one which stems from our minds and from our thought-life. So the child of God, responding to the call of Jesus Christ, and duly warned by Him that he is entering into a battle, finds himself in a warfare, the nature of which is spiritual and the source of which is in his thought life. (Redpath)*

- I. We entered into a spiritual battle for the mind when we believed upon Jesus for eternal life. Our enemy is Satan and his evil world system, and he will do whatever is necessary to shape and form the way we think if we let him. He is a defeated foe; he has no power over us. The victory is ours because Jesus is the one who leads us in triumphal procession. Our responsibility is to live in the victory he has given us by not letting the enemy gain ground in the way we think.

Heb. 10:10

Heb. 10:14

1 Pe. 3:18

Eph. 6:10-13

Joshua 5:14

1 Kings. 6:16-18

Josh. 1:9

Judges 2:1-5

**2 Cor. 2:14** *But thanks be to God, who always leads us in His triumph in Christ, and manifests in us his sweet aroma of the knowledge of him in every place.*

- II. Success in the spiritual warfare for the mind begins with following the example of our triumphant captain, the Lord Jesus Christ. It begins with desiring the same mind-set and attitude he had in the battles he was engaged in. He did not wage war according to the flesh, nor should we. Our objective is to breakdown the strongholds that keep us captive to the way the flesh thinks. Otherwise, we live as a defeated foe even though the victory is ours through Christ.

2 Cor. 10:1-4  
1 Cor. 2:12-16

**σαρκικός *sarkikós*** – governed by mere human nature not by the Spirit of God with the included idea of depravity.

**Proverbs 21:22** *A wise man attacks the city of the mighty and pulls down the stronghold in which they trust.*

**Romans 8:5** *Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.*

- III. As God's warriors, we have been charged with taking captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. The omnipotent weapon we've been given is God's knowledge, "**his truth**," and there is nothing that can stand against it. Our battle then is to protect the truth of God's Word, to protect his knowledge, to live by it, and to let it lead us in the battle for our minds, hearts and souls.

2 Cor. 10:5-6  
Judges 21:5  
Eph. 6:13-18  
Rom. 1:17  
Rom. 12:2

**1 Cor. 15:57** *But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Philippians 4:8** *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.*