

## Powerful Mindset

<u>Powerful Mindset</u>	vs	<u>Powerless Mindset</u>
Heroes (rescue)		Victims
Freedom (Courage)		Bondage (Fear)
Responsibility		Dependency (Blame)
Internal Identity		External Identity

(Pr 23:7) <sup>7</sup>For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. (Mindset)

Great Lie: Actions/Circumstances = Identity (we are what we do - circular trap)

Truth: Identity begins with Belief

Identity determines Actions/Circumstances

(Jdg 6:11-16) <sup>11</sup>Now the Angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth tree which *was* in Ophrah, which *belonged* to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide it from the Midianites. <sup>12</sup>And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said to him, “The LORD is with you, you mighty man of valor!” <sup>13</sup>Gideon said to Him, “O my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where *are* all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, ‘Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?’ But now the LORD has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.” <sup>14</sup>Then the LORD turned to him and said, “Go in this might of yours, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you?” <sup>15</sup>So he said to Him, “O my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed my clan *is* the weakest in Manasseh, and I *am* the least in my father's house.” <sup>16</sup>And the LORD said to him, “Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man.”

Gideon in Powerless Mindset

God starts with True Identity (who you are), then what you can do, then why

Worldly Wisdom starts with what you do and defines you by that

Gideon immediately began to Act Powerfully

All Christians are Powerful!

(Ac 1:8) <sup>8</sup>“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;

Belief Choice – 2 Tim 1:7 vs 2 Tim 3:5

(Jas 1:5-8) <sup>5</sup>If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. <sup>6</sup>But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup>For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; <sup>8</sup>he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Wisdom vs Double Minded/Unstable (Belief)

(Ro 6:11-12) <sup>11</sup>Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>12</sup>Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.

Reckon (Belief)

Self Control isn't a requirement, its an Empowerment (Fruit)

Self Control flows from Identity: Sinner saved by grace vs Saint

(2Co 5:16-17, 21) <sup>16</sup>Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him thus* no longer.

<sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new... <sup>21</sup>For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Satan wants us Powerless; works to keep our Identity in flesh/sin

We are not what we do.

I'm not saying it doesn't matter what we do.

I'm saying when we grasp who we are, we'll do better.

(Lk 10:19) <sup>19</sup>“Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Freedom (Authority vs Prayer)

(Mt 10:8) <sup>8</sup>“Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

**Authority** to heal – ex: Jesus & Apostles

Believe He has made you Powerful. (who you are)

Refuse to be a Powerless Victim. (what you can do)

Remember John 15:5 (why)