

It's All in Your Head

Review: Rule Yourself - 1) Emotions 2) Words 3) Thoughts

Thoughts: Primary Battlefield is Minds

(2Co 10:4-5) ⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

Primary Weapon is Word (SW2) used against...

Mental Fortresses (based on other 3) - Validate Truth (SW1)

pull down structures in our minds built on lies

Human Reasoning (initial premise)

(Col 2:2-4, 8) ²attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, ³in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴Now this I say lest anyone should deceive you with persuasive words. ⁸Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

All Wisdom (Action) & Knowledge (Understanding) in Him - else is less (cheat)

most error from thinking we're smarter than God (men with directions)

Demonic Wisdom competing against **Knowledge of God** (His Thoughts & Ways)

(Ho 4:6) My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

(Ho 6:3) Let us know, let us pursue the knowledge of the LORD.

(Pr 9:10) The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Wisdom is correct action based on Applied Understanding (paired) - our Goal

(Phl 3:8) Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ

(Ep 4:13) till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

(Ep 1:17-19) ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, ¹⁸the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power

(2Pe 1:3) as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

Pursue - cast down Competing Knowledge

Thoughts conformed to Knowledge of Christ - Wise Actions (Pr 9:10)

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

not just no bad thoughts - His thoughts (1 Cor 2:16) - ex: individuals

no Wisdom without Knowledge of Christ - can't act like Him until we think like Him

Fruit is the Proof of Wisdom (Mt 11:16-19)

(Jas 3:13-17) ¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. ¹⁵This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. ¹⁶For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. ¹⁷But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

Proving His Wisdom takes Radically Higher Thinking/Ways (Is 55:8-9)

ex: Mercy (Mic 7:18), Encouragement (Jer 29:11 - time context)

War in the Spirit to Rule Ourselves to Prove His Wisdom