

THE WHY AND HOW OF RENEWING THE MIND

If, as the Apostle Paul indicates,
then carnal nature is rendered
powerless why do people still
have a problem with sin?



TWO REASONS:

- 1. Our definition of sin might be wrong



- 2. Our minds need to be renewed



12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

FOUR FACTS ABOUT THE MIND:

- 1. WE BECOME WHAT WE THINK!**
- 2. SATAN PLAYS MIND GAMES WITH US.**
- 3. AS A CHRISTIAN CHRIST'S SPIRIT PENETRATES THE MIND**
- 4. WE AS A CHRISTIAN – THERE STILL A BOTTLE OF THE MIND.**

Since the mind is the key to living a Christian life the enemy of our souls has made the human mind a bulls eye of his target.

⁷ for he is the kind of person who is always thinking about the cost. “Eat and drink,” he says to you, but his heart is not with you.

Proverb 23:7

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Ephesians 6:10-12

³ For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. ⁴ The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 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.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

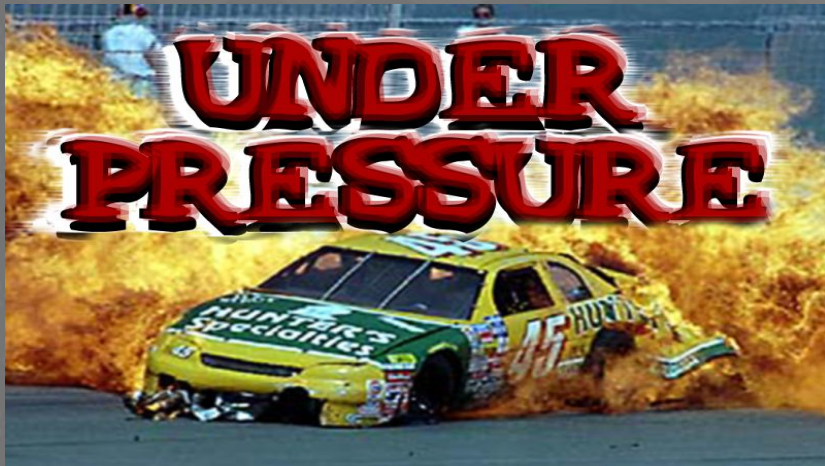
The Apostle Paul's analogy about the mind:

According to 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 Paul indicates:

- * Our mind is like a walled fortress .
- * Our mind has “speculation” which represents the traditional habits of thinking influenced by Satan .
- * Our mind has “lofty thing,” in other words, mental blocks erected against spiritual truths .



When we are under pressure or attack, undergoing a test, when we are persecuted, maligned, criticized, or done wrong, we are prompted to go back to carnal, humanistic patterns of thinking that have been taught through parents, peers, and others and find their origins in Satan.



HOW TO RENEW OUR MIND:

1. REPLACE old thought patterns with new ones thru the word .

Begin with victorious scripture: Herb. 12:11, Phil. 4:13, Psalm 1, 23 and 119:9-11, 1 Cor. 10:13



2. REPROGRAM the old thought patterns by personalizing the word .

Use I, me, mine, my as you come across scripture.

4 ^RShow me Your ways, O LORD;
Teach me Your paths. Ex. 33:13
5 Lead me in Your truth and teach
me,
For You are the God of my
salvation;
On You I wait all the day.

3. REMOVE old thought patterns by analyzing our situation .

**THOUGHT
PATTERNS**



Renew the mind





**PASSION
FOR GOD**