

For The Better

Battle For Your Mind

Key Scripture

Ephesians 4:23 TLB

Now **your attitudes and thoughts** must all be constantly changing **for the better**.

Mind full of the wrong things

Matthew 16:21-23 NIV

21 From that time on Jesus began to explain to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that He must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

22 Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him.

"Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to You!"

23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, "**Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.**"

Battle for the Mind

- ✓ **Winning** the battle.

Matthew 16:16 NLT

Simon Peter answered, "**You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.**"

- ✓ **Losing** the battle.

Matthew 16:22 NIV

Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him.

"Never, Lord!" he said. "**This shall never happen to You!**"

The life we lead is directed by the thoughts we believe.

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Fighting for your thoughts...

1. **Define** your enemy.

John 8:44 NLT

He was **a murderer** from the beginning.

He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him.

When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for **he is a liar and the father of lies**.

2 Corinthians 11:3 NIV

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.

1 Peter 5:8 TNIV

Be alert and of sober mind.

Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

2. **Demolish** any strongholds.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 NIV

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.

3. **Depend** on God's power to win the battle.

2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of **power and of love and of a sound mind.**

Ephesians 1:19-20 NLT

19 I also pray that **you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe Him.** This is the same mighty power 20 that raised Christ from the dead and seated Him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms.

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