The Battle for the Mind - Part 2

Lesson 7 2 Corinthians 4:3-4, 10:3-5; 2 Timothy 2:15; Joshua 1:8-9 August 28, 2022

Developing a Christian Mind

INTRODUCTION

In these four bible passages, we learn how to develop a Christian mind so that we may live the way God wants us to live. God gave us His law to help us be courageous, unafraid, and unashamed.

We live in a world of brokenness and sin. In order to find healing from pain and suffering, we must look to the Gospel and Christ. The Word will protect our minds, and Christ will protect our hearts.

This week's journal is a good time to reflect on each passage to remember when God inspired you to be obedient to Him. For new believers or those that are unsure about God, this week's journal is a good time to consider what God's word can teach us. If we are following God's word, He will bless us.

Memory verse: "Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."—Joshua 1:8.

Pray, and read the passages listed above. What questions or observations do you have about them?

OBSERVATION: What does the passage say?

| 1. | To whom is the gospel veiled? (2 Corinthians 4:3) |
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| 2. | What should we do with our thoughts? (2 Corinthians 10:5) |
| 3. | What will happen when you correctly handle the truth? (2 Timothy 2:15) |
| 4. | Where should you keep the Book of the Law? (Joshua 1:8) |
| 5. | Where will the Lord, our God, be with you? (Joshua 1:9) |

INTERPRETATION: What do the passages mean?

1. What is meant by 2 Corinthians 4:4: "The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers..."? (John 12:31; 1 Corinthians 1:20)

2. What is meant by 2 Corinthians 10:4: "The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world."? (Jeremiah 23:29; 1 Corinthians 2:5)

3. How does one correctly handle the "word of truth" written in 2 Timothy 2:15? (2 Timothy 1:8)

4. Joshua 1:8 states that one will be prosperous and successful by keeping the Book of the Law. How, specifically, does that happen? (Psalm 1:1-3; Isaiah 52:13)

APPLICATION: How do the passages apply to your life?

1. 2 Timothy 2:15 says "...a worker does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." Have you ever found yourself ashamed of sharing your testimony or the Gospel? Write down when that happened; how you handled it; and how you believe you might handle it differently today.

2. 2 Corinthians 10:5 says we should "...take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." In what situations do you need help to be obedient to Christ?

3. Write a prayer to God asking for His help to meditate on His word day and night so that the Lord may be with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:8-9)