

# What If I Thought Godly Thoughts?

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2 Cor 10:3-5

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## I. THERE IS A BATTLE RAGING FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

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Prov 23:7

For as [a man] thinks in his heart, so is he. (NKJV)

“Where the mind goes, the man follows.”

Joyce Meyer

“You cannot have a positive life and a negative mind.”

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Eph 4:22-24

22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

## 2. THE WORD OF GOD AND THE HOLY SPIRIT ARE YOUR WEAPONS

2 Cor 10:5

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Rom 12:2

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Gal 5:22-23

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

## 3. THE BATTLE IS WINNABLE

Phil 4:8

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things.

1 Cor 15:54-57

54... "Death has been swallowed up in victory." 55 "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.