

War of the Mind: Whole Thinking in a Broken World

Forward Thinking

*Finally, brothers and sisters, 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.
- Philippians 4:8 (NIV)*

1. Recap

a. Week 1 – The Lies We Believe

- i. Assessed our thinking for lies, deceits, or off-mission distractions.

b. Week 2 – Truths to Stand On

- i. Shifted to whole thinking mindset.

c. Week 3 – Forward Thinking

- i. Whole thinking leads to full living.

2. Old Testament Example – Joshua

a. Num 14:6-8

- i. *Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes and said to the entire Israelite assembly, “The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. If the LORD is pleased with us, He will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the LORD is with us. Do not be afraid of them.”*

b. Deut 31:6 – Moses to the Israelites

c. Deut. 31:7 – Moses to Joshua

d. Deut 31:23 – God to Joshua

e. Josh 1:6,7,9 – God to Joshua

f. Josh 1:18 – People to Joshua

g. Josh 10:25 – Joshua to the people

h. Your feet follow your focus.

i. Your faith reflects your focus—and vice versa.

3. How does your thinking influence your living?

- a. Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.

1. Rom 8:5-6

- b. *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, 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. Php 4:6-8

4. Note: the difference between:

- a. Position v Performance
- b. Conviction & Condemnation

5. What tools from The Word will strengthen you within the war of the mind?

Recap: What lie(s) has/have been creeping into your thinking, speech, acts?

Ex: I'm worried about...

Ex: I'm defeated.

Based on Scripture, what statements will guide your thinking?

Ex #1: “Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. (Php 4:6 NLT)

Ex #2: “You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. (1 Jn 4:4)

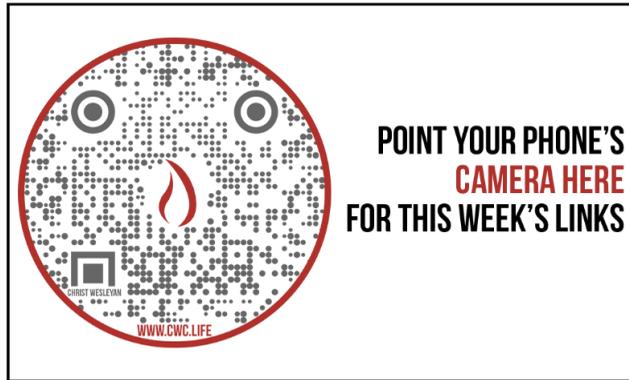
Based on Scripture, what statements will guide your thinking?

Ex: I choose gratitude over worry. God has given me more to thank Him for than to worry about.

Ex: In Christ, I am an overcomer.

Additional Note Space

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Text: I Choose Jesus to 570-273-0088



Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 99.3% of goal

Giving year to date: 89.5% of goal

Attendance last Sunday: 1,897

Salvations to date: 163 | Baptisms to date: 25