**The Battle for the Mind**

For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life. Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you. Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil.

Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. God said, “I the Lord search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds. I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”

2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Romans 8:8; Philippians 3:19 / 1 Peter 1:13; Philippians 4:8; Colossians 3:2 / Philippians 2:5; Romans 8:6-7; Proverbs 4:23-27 / Ephesians 4:22-24; Romans 12:2 / 1 John 2:16; Romans 8:5 / Joshua 1:8; Mark 12:30; Philippians 4:7; Jeremiah 17:10, 31:33