

Notes:

The Battle Within

Romans 12:1-2

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Identity Theft Series: Message 5

Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God. ⁷Then, because you belong to Christ Jesus, God will bless you with peace that no one can completely understand. And this peace will control the way you think and feel. ⁸Finally, my friends, keep your minds on whatever is true, pure, right, holy, friendly, and proper. Don't ever stop thinking about what is truly worthwhile and worthy of praise. ⁹You know the teachings I gave you, and you know what you heard me say and saw me do. So follow my example. And God, who gives peace, will be with you.

Philippians 4:6-9 (CEV)

1. There Is A _____ Battle For _____ Of My _____.

And be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...Romans 12:2a (NAS)

So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. Ephesians 4:17 (NIV)

Set your mind on things above, not on the things that are on earth. Colossians 3:2 (NAS)

Let no one deceive you in any way... II Thessalonians 2:3a (NAS)

Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ. Colossians 2:8 (NLT)

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. ⁵We 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. II Corinthians 10:4,5 (NIV)

Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. ¹²For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:10-11 (NLT)

2. Whatever _____ My Thinking, Controls My _____.

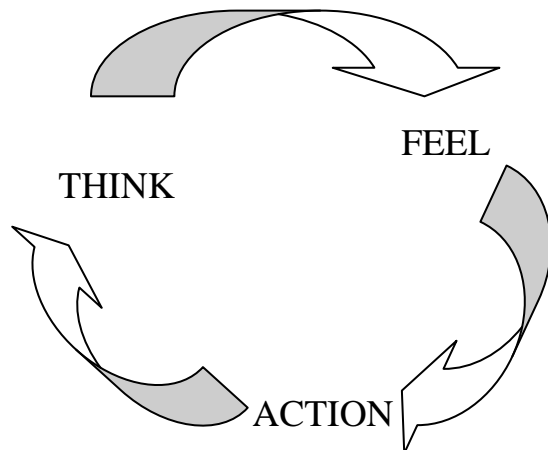
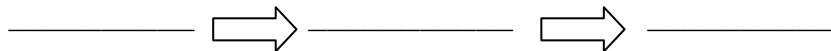
For as he thinks within himself, so he is... Proverbs 23:7 (NAS)

Carefully guard your thoughts because they are the source of true life.
Proverbs 4:23 (CEV)

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_____ (*okh-oo'-ro-mah*) = a castle, stronghold, fortress, fastness; anything on which one relies; the arguments and reasonings by which a disputant endeavours to fortify his opinion and defend it against his opponent

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3. Living Out My Identity In Christ Means I Must Think _____.

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. ²Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. Romans 12:1-2 (NLT)

And Christ did die for all of us. He died so we would no longer live for ourselves, but for the one who died and was raised to life for us. ¹⁶We are careful not to judge people by what they seem to be, though we once judged Christ in that way. ¹⁷Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything is new. II Corinthians 5:15-17 (CEV)

Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. ¹⁸As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. ¹⁹For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth. John 17:17-19 (NAS)

The Progression Of Living Out My Identity In Christ

- _____ **Initial Step**
Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 5:1 (NAS)

_____ As _____ I Had Never _____.

- _____ **Final Step**
Think how much the Father loves us. He loves us so much that He lets us be called His children, as we truly are. But since the people of this world did not know who Christ is, they don't know who we are. ²My dear friends, we are already God's children, though what we will be hasn't yet been seen. But we do know that when Christ returns, we will be like Him, because we will see Him as He truly is. ³This hope makes us keep ourselves holy, just as Christ is holy. I John 3:1-3 (NIV)

What Happens In Between?

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May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴The One who calls you is faithful, and He will do it. I Thessalonians 5:23-24 (NIV)