



MESSAGE NOTES

The Spiritual Battle James Brown

Psalm 20:6-8 Ephesians 6:10-17

The importance of fighting

Your beliefs determine your behaviour and your thoughts determine your actions. Some thoughts come from yourself, some from the Holy Spirit and some come from Satan - the father of lies. If we don't fight these lies, if you allow these negative thoughts in your mind you will lead a negative life.

'be transformed by the renewing of your mind' (Romans 12: 2a)

Only you can control your mind

The devil can't make you do anything, he can only make suggestions. And God loves you so much that He gave you a free will to make your own decisions. So when you get a thought it's up to you to decide is this from the devil, from myself or from God and then act accordingly.

'we take captive every thought and make it obedient to Christ' (2 Cor. 10:5b)

How do we fight this battle?

Jesus said: *you will know the truth and the truth will set you free (John 8:32)*

Satan is a liar, he wants to enslave you. Jesus is the truth, knowing Him will set you free. So we need to feed our minds on the truth contained in the Bible, we need to believe it, memorize it, reinforce it and use it to fight the lies inside our heads.

For example: **12 Thinking Points** (Joyce Meyer)

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| 1. I can do whatever I need to do in this life through Christ. | 7. I am content and emotionally stable. |
| 2. God Loves me unconditionally. | 8. God meets all my needs abundantly. |
| 3. I will not live in fear. | 9. I pursue peace with God myself and others. |
| 4. I will not be offended. | 10. I live in the present and enjoy each moment. |
| 5. I love people and enjoy helping them. | 11. I am disciplined and self-controlled. |
| 6. I trust in God completely, there is no need to worry. | 12. I put God first in all things. |

This list of truths defines who we are in Christ. And this is just 12 of many hundreds of promises and truths contained in the Bible. This is what we use in the fight against the devil's strategies and schemes. This is how we win the spiritual war.