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Becoming Fully Alive!

Part Three: Winning The War For Your Heart

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PART 3 - SESSION 3

TAKING EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE

“...and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.”

II Corinthians 10:5b (NASB)

I. TAKING EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE

A. WINNING THE BATTLE FOR YOUR MIND

1. “Bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ”
(II Corinthians 10:5b NKJV)
2. “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus”
(Philippians 2:5 NKJV)

B. WHAT CHARACTERIZES THE MIND OF CHRIST?

1. Meekness and humility
2. Philippians 2:5-11 (NKJV and NIV)
3. Matthew 11:28-30

C. “THINKING” THAT IS LACKING IN MEEKNESS AND HUMILITY

1. Angry, bitter and jealous thinking
 - a) I Samuel 18:8-10
 - b) Ephesians 4:26-27; 31
2. Unforgiving thinking
Matthew 18:28-35
3. Bitter envy and selfish ambition thinking
James 3:14-16 (contrast with verse 17)
4. Prideful and covetous thinking
 - a) Proverbs 13:10
 - b) James 4:1-3
 - c) Romans 12:3
5. Judgmental thinking
Matthew 7:1-5

6. Self-righteous and condescending thinking
Luke 18:9-14
7. Ungrateful and rebellious thinking
 - a) Romans 1:21-32
 - b) I Samuel 15:23

D. HOW TO TAKE EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE

1. **REPENT** (A change of mind)
 - a) Luke 13:3
 - b) II Corinthians 7:10
2. **RECEIVE** The Yoke of Jesus
Matthew 11:28-30
3. **RESIST** The Devil
James 4:7
4. **RENEW** Your Mind
Romans 12:2
See “**The Christian’s Identity In Christ**”
5. **REMEMBER: “Above all else, guard your heart.”**
Proverbs 4:23

II. APPLICATION

- A.** In your thought-life, can you identify with any of the “Thinking” that is listed in Part “C” of this outline? If so, please list.
- B.** Are you willing to take captive your “thinking,” that you have just identified, so that it is obedient to Christ? (II Corinthians 10:5b)
- C.** If so, please apply **“HOW TO TAKE EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE”** (Part “D”) to your “thinking.”

◆ The Christian's Identity In Christ ◆

<i>Matthew 5:13, 14</i>	I am the salt of the earth and the light of the world
<i>John 1:12, 13</i>	I am a child of God , born of God
<i>John 15:15</i>	I am Christ's friend
<i>John 17:23</i>	I am loved
<i>Romans 6:1-10</i>	I am crucified, buried, and risen with Christ
<i>Romans 8:1, 2</i>	I am free forever from condemnation
<i>Romans 8:15</i>	I am adopted into God's family
<i>Romans 8:17</i>	I am an heir of God, co-heir with Christ
<i>Romans 8:37</i>	I am more than a conqueror through Him
<i>1 Cor. 1:2</i>	I am sanctified
<i>1 Cor. 2:16</i>	I am a possessor of the mind of Christ
<i>1 Cor. 3:16</i>	I am God's temple ; God's Spirit lives in me
<i>1 Cor. 6:17</i>	I am united with the Lord, one with Him in spirit
<i>1 Cor. 6:19, 20</i>	I am one bought with a price ; I belong to God
<i>1 Cor. 12:27</i>	I am a member of Christ's body
<i>1 Cor. 15:57</i>	I am victorious in Christ
<i>2 Cor. 5:17</i>	I am a new creation in Christ
<i>2 Cor. 5:18</i>	I am a minister of reconciliation for God
<i>2 Cor. 5:18</i>	I am reconciled to God
<i>2 Cor. 5:20</i>	I am an ambassador of Christ
<i>2 Cor. 5:21</i>	I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus
<i>2 Cor. 6:1</i>	I am God's fellow worker
<i>Galatians 2:16</i>	I am justified by faith in Christ
<i>Galatians 2:20</i>	I am crucified with Christ
<i>Ephesians 1:1</i>	I am a saint
<i>Ephesians 1:4</i>	I am one chosen in Christ to be holy and blameless
<i>Ephesians 1:5</i>	I am one adopted by God through Jesus Christ
<i>Ephesians 1:6</i>	I am accepted in the Beloved
<i>Ephesians 1:13</i>	I am sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise
<i>Ephesians 2:6</i>	I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms
<i>Ephesians 2:10</i>	I am God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works
<i>Philippians 3:20</i>	I am a citizen of heaven
<i>Colossians 1:14</i>	I am one redeemed and forgiven of all my sins
<i>Colossians 2:10</i>	I am one who is complete in Christ
<i>Hebrews 7:25</i>	I am saved to the uttermost
<i>1 Peter 2:9</i>	I am a member of a royal priesthood, a holy nation
<i>1 Peter 2:9, 10</i>	I am one belonging to God , part of His chosen people
<i>2 Peter 1:4</i>	I am a partaker of the Divine Nature