

"MATTERS OF THE MIND"



Philippians 2:5 - Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

What you do always begins with what you think. Everything you find your body doing, starts with a thought that is planted in your mind. What is a mind? Encarta Dictionary defines mind as "the center of consciousness that generates thoughts, feelings, ideas, and perceptions, and stores knowledge and memories." In other words, it is a conduit that channels a thought from the mind and causes the body to react.

I've been dealing with some personal issues in my life that have totally consumed my mind and have ultimately caused my body to react in a negative way. So when I woke up this morning, I got up and went in to use the restroom, as I normally do. As I was thanking God for another day's journey and for new mercies, the devil immediately began to replay everything in my mind that I was dissatisfied with in my life. Now I'm really having myself quite a little pity party – Why do I have to deal with this? This is not what I signed up for? I'm so angry! I just want some peace! It's so unfair! It's my time! What about me? Talk about a real melt down. Man!

Let me share with you what happened next. A spiritual transformation and an emotional renewal of my mind took place and suddenly, clarity conformed my thought process. Just at the moment I turned the knob to come out of the "throne room", the room was illuminated with a blinding light and it looked totally different. I'm telling you, I felt like ole Saul himself on the Damascus Road. It was quite astonishing and very frightening! That split second the scales fell from my eyes, and I heard a still small voice whisper to me, "Everything you're going through is not for you, it's for someone else, but it will bring me glory in the end!" Hallelujah! Thank you Jesus! Glory! I felt like jumping and shouting right then and there, but everyone else in the house was still asleep, so all I could do at the time was to leap for joy internally.

My mind is now made up and my heart is fixed. I've made a vow to no longer allow my present circumstance to change my mind about how I view life and to determine my state of happiness. Happiness truly is a mind over matter kinda thang! Only you can control how you react/respond to all the STUFF that life throws your way. Either the glass is half full or it's half empty. It's all in how you perceive it. Never allow your state of happiness to be governed by your extenuating circumstances. Keep your mind on Christ who will keep you in perfect peace. In Christ, you can have peace in the midst of confusion. In Christ, you can have peace in the midst of disappointment. In Christ you can have wondrous peace that passes all understanding.

When you allow satan to infiltrate your mind, he's going to manipulate your mind, your thoughts, your deeds and your words. Don't you realize that your mind will affect your vision and perception on life and its circumstances? Therefore, whoever controls your mind will impact how you view your present situation. If satan is in the driver's seat, your outlook will be defeat, destruction and death. But oh to be kept by Jesus! I guarantee that your outlook will be joy, victory and abundant life with Christ! Just remember, the joy you have can't be taken away by the world and its follies, because the world didn't give it to you and the world sho 'nuff can't take it away.

*Don't buckle under life's pressures. James 1:2 says, "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;" God knows just how much you can bear! Instead Ephesians 6:11 encourages us to "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. " Whatever darts and arrows that are formed against you, know that they will not prosper. I urge you to touch and agree with me this day that you are going to take back everything the devil stole from you; beginning with your mind. Romans 12:2 says, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." **BBlessed!***