

Giving Light Devotional Podcast EP30: Preparing Your Mind to Action

In today's episode, we discuss what it means to take every thought captive and make it obedient to Christ. Get ready to prepare your mind for action.

SCRIPTURES:

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

Daniel 7:25, "And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High,..." (KJV)

1 Peter 1:13-15, "So prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control. Put all your hope in the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world. So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy." (NLT)

Romans 12:2, "Don'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." (NLT)

James 4:7, "So submit to [the authority of] God. Resist the devil [stand firm against him] and he will flee from you." (AMP)

Colossians 3:2, "Yes, feast on all the treasures of the heavenly realm and fill your thoughts with heavenly realities, and not with the distractions of the natural realm." (TPT)

QUESTIONS:

1. Why do you think Scripture instructs us to take every thought captive, including the good ones?

2. Write down three ways that you can submit your thoughts to truth?

3. Explain why it is important to take your thoughts captive rather than commanding them to leave you?

4. In your own words, explain the parallel between 2 Corinthians 10:5 and 1 Peter 1:13-15.

5. *“Complacency is easy...and it is a deadly foe to spiritual growth” A W Tozer.*

Is it necessary to take such a combative stance toward your thought life? Why or why not? (Daniel 7:25 – *to wear out by means* “harassing constantly”)

ACTIVATION:

Let’s follow the instruction from 1 Peter 1:13. Write down 5 ways you plan to prepare your mind for action. During the next week, implement these strategies in your day-to-day life. At the end of the week, evaluate your progress, tweak and repeat.