

Accusation comes from undermining the character or actions of another person or me. In the mind of an accuser, the person being accused either is wrong or does wrong. The accusation comes from thoughts that are generated in our soul, which in turn affects the _____ . The reason that we are told to take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ is because, quite often, our thoughts run around like a loose cannon and are up for grabs as to who is in control of them.

Greek- Heart-2588-kardia-The center and seat of spiritual life, the soul or mind, as it is the fountain and seat of the thoughts, passions, desires, appetites, affections, purposes, endeavors (heart, inner man, etc.)

2 Corinthians 10:5 taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ

Romans 7:23 wage war against the law of my mind making me a prisoner of the law of sin

Thoughts don't just appear out of nowhere; they come from a source. There are three sources where thoughts come from: God, Satan, or human beings (either comments that we make against ourselves or that come from others). Mat. 16 & 17 demonstrates how these three sources worked in and through one person, the Apostle Peter.

THOUGHTS FROM GOD

Thoughts that come from God edify the things of God; focus on His _____ , and on our identity in Him. Godly thoughts promote our _____ in Christ. There is a secret counsel that we receive from God where He imparts His knowledge and wisdom to us because we are His children. All thoughts from God line up with _____ in context. When Peter declared Jesus to be the Christ, the Lord told him that the thought was revealed to him directly from God.

Matthew 16:15-17 "He said to them, But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

Revealed-601-apokalupto-is used of God revealing to men things unknown

Ps 25:14 the secret of the Lord is for those who fear Him.

Secret-05475-cowd-Familiar conversation, familiar acquaintance with Jehovah, i.e. his favor, counsel

Amos 3:7 Surely the Lord God does nothing unless He reveals His secret counsel to His servants the prophets.

STUDY QUESTION: When the Spirit of the Lord speaks to us, how do we know if it is truly coming from God? Read Ephesians 6:17. What is our yardstick to know if we are hearing from God? _____

THOUGHTS FROM THE ENEMY

Thoughts that are not in line with the scripture or _____ the Word to meet a personal or spiritual agenda are not of God. Thoughts that come from the enemy include but are not limited to:

- Thoughts that draw you away from the things of God
- Thoughts that thwart God's movement in our lives
- Thoughts that point out your shortcomings, make you feel judged, disapproved, or inadequate
- Thoughts that promote guilt for things that have been repented for
- Thoughts that plague you but have no solution (i.e. you aren't intelligent)
- Thoughts that are totally irrational (i.e.- Space aliens are going to get you)

When Peter tried to tell Jesus that He was not going to die on the cross, Jesus was showing Peter that the thought came into his mind from Satan. Jesus wasn't saying that Peter was Satan. He was commenting on Satan being able to express himself through Peter and influencing Peter's thoughts. When we allow this to happen, we become _____ of the one who is most offensive to our Lord.

Matthew 16:21-23 ...Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must...be killed and be raised the third day....then Peter began to rebuke Him saying...this shall not happen to you. But [Jesus] turned to Peter and said, "Get behind me Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

Acts 5:3 Why has Satan filled your heart to lie

Filled-4137-pleroo-To take possession of one's heart