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thoughts will come into play and their problem will multiplied in size.

- b. The damage done to those believer's emotions and thought life is horrendous.
5. There are other people who similarly resist forgiveness because they don't want to be prideful.
 - a. It seems that remembering makes them feel good, but it's actually a subtle form of pride.
 - b. People moan and groan, "I'm not worthy." Of course we're not worthy!
 - c. It's time we get over it and live the Christian life anyway, we have the Lord's work to do.
 - d. Living under yesterday's condemnation doesn't make us more humble.
 - e. If anything, it keeps us focused on ourselves instead of on the Lord.
6. All of the above causes us to reach the point that we must find the root of this disorder. Why?
7. Because as long as Christians operate under wrong thinking with guilt and condemnation, they will not see reality from God's perspective.

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“THE LIGHT OF THE BODY IS THE EYE”

- XIII. As I see it the root of men operating in “earth's reality” is based on the fact that there were two trees in the Garden of Eden that challenged the course of the entire human race – the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil and the Tree of Life.
- A. These same two “trees” continue to challenge us today.
 1. When we become Christians these challenges do not end – they may increase. Why?
 - a. Because the Christian has not given up his or her old “life” style with its

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wrong thinking.

- b. Remember, a Christian cannot have two natures, but can live two different life styles.
 - c. The Christian gets a new nature when they are “born again”, but may choose to keep his old carnal life style.
 - d. It will come down to choosing a life style between the fruit of these two trees.
 - e. It is between them that lies the focal point of heaven’s reality or earth’s reality, between the Kingdom of Heaven or the Kingdom of this present evil age.
2. The Tree of Knowledge and the Tree of Life are symbolic of two spiritual lineages or “family trees.”
 - a. The Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, is a history of two lineages.
 - b. Understanding these lineages can help us to understand the most common errors besetting the entire human race, including those that have continually misled the Church.
 3. It’s important that we understand that Satan did not tempt Eve with the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge just because of the Lord’s prohibition.
 - a. He tempted her with it because the source of his power was rooted in that tree.
 - b. That source of Satan’s power is causing mankind to view all thing based on the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

“THE WAR FOR YOUR MIND”

- B. It is a sad thing to admit, but many Christians are living with unrenewed minds, and its even sadder when we realize that they are of little use to God.
 1. I am not saying that God doesn’t love them, of course He does, but the truth remains, they can do little for the advancement of the Kingdom on this

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earth.

2. Bill Johnson gave an excellent example of this in his book, “The Power of a Transformed Mind,” *“An unrenewed mind is like a discordant key on a piano. Once you discover that key, you don’t use it anymore because it detracts from the music. You skip over it and work around it, In the same way, people who are out of sync with the mind of Christ seldom get used, no matter how available they are, because their thoughts conflict with the mind of Christ.”*
 - a. The problem seems to be that they are self-appointed in their mission and are not in submission to the primary mission.
 - b. As a result, they are working entirely outside God’s intended commission.
- C. However, on the other side of the coin, when we come into agreement with God’s primary mission, our minds become powerful tools in God’s Kingdom.
 1. This explains why there is such an intense war being waged for the believer’s mind and their agreement.
 2. The simple but yet profound truth is; every thought and resulting action represents your allegiance to God or Satan, and both are empowered by your agreement.
 - a. Where does this “agreement” take place? In the mind of man!
 3. One of the many benefits of the renewing of our mind is the ability to recognize what thoughts come from the kingdom of hell and what thoughts comes from heaven, and then agreeing with heaven.

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“THE HOUSE OF GOD UNDER THE OPEN HEAVEN”

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XIV. God has made our minds one of the most wonderful and powerful tools in