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Jesus' rule of authority in destroying the works of the devil.

6. In order to do that we must operate with renewed minds and change the way we think.
 - a. We must know what God wants us to do, and then do it.

“THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MIND”

- B. It is understandable that the Church as a whole has a hesitancy when the mind is considered a tool of God.
 1. There have been times in church history that the intellectual aspect of the mind had been exalted to the point that it wiped out the Christian's lifestyle of faith.
 2. Because of this, men of faith have been lured into a mind set of skepticism and doubt.
 - a. Therefore, theology has been exalted at the expense of belief, and academic assessment has replaced firsthand, supernatural experiences.
 - b. So, there is good reason not to let the mind dictate how we will believe.
 3. But the real truth is, Christians often react to error and create another error in the process.
 - a. In this case, the error is that the church has downplayed the importance of the mind, implying that it has no value at all, and that it is irredeemably corrupt and humanistic.
 4. In actuality the mind is a powerful instrument of the Spirit of God, and the human spirit.

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“YOUR MIND IS THE GATEWAY TO YOUR SOUL”

- XI. God has made the mind (soul) to be the *gatekeeper of Kingdom activity* on this earth.

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- A. I have a friend who God taught on “The Gateway” with words in a vision so very powerful, and I have taken these same words into my heart and have stood on them myself many times.
1. *God spoke and said: “Your mind is the gateway to your soul. If you allow clutter in the gate (mind), your mind will be cluttered. If you allow peaceful, harmonious thoughts in your gate, you will have a peaceful, harmonious mind. You need to filter everything that shows up at your gate! Make a ruling that nothing will enter or pass through without a key. The key being a discernment: ‘is this what God said and does this line up with His Words?’ If it doesn’t, do not let it pass! Make a decision, that only pure things will be allowed to enter. Take note of how you feel when you see something standing there that is not lovely. Force yourself to examine everything that is sent to your gate! If it doesn’t belong inside, run it off with an intense fervor. Be determined that no matter how tantalizing it may appear to look, it will not deceive you into allowing it to come in. Keep yourself inside the light, and the darkness will not deceive you, and it can’t come in. Devote yourself to keeping My (God’s) temple clean!*
 2. When the word says to bring every thought into captivity; this simply means to take every vain thought captive as prisoner, and jail it!
 - a. This is made clear in II Corinthians 10:5 KJV: **“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”**
 - b. This is possible because God tells us in 10:4 that, **“(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds:)**

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3. In Jer. 4:14 the Word says, **“O Jerusalem wash thine heart from wickedness that thou mayest be saved. . .”**
 - a. What did the Prophet mean when he said, **“wash thine heart from wickedness?”** How can a person wash their heart?
 - b. The answer is found in the second part of Jer. 4:14 when the Prophet says, **“how long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee?”**
 - c. The above verse proves that vain thoughts (imagination) that lodge as strongholds in the heart, cause it to become wicked (darkened).
4. God does have an answer and it is found in Eph. 5:26-27, **“That he might sanctify and cleanse it (heart of Church) with the washing of water by the word, V27, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.”**
 - a. The believer that walks through this world defiles himself with bad seed (untested idealism) brought to wickedness (darkness) in his heart, and that believer must clean himself or herself.
 - b. This type of cleansing of the heart can only take place when a person is willing to renew their mind with the gospel of Christ.
 - c. The Word cleanses our hearts so that the stronghold (darkness) is dispelled and the intent of our heart changed. (John 13:3-17)

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“LIVING IN THE SHADOW OF FAILURE”

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XII. The real tragedy in a Christian’s life is when they refuses to renew the thinking process of their mind and it all goes astray.

A. The unrenewed mind in a believer can only bring about the manifestation of