

SERIES: *THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST*
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Lesson 2: The Law of the Mind -Part 2 [19 April 2020]

Foundation:

- “God desires you to control your destiny, through controlling your spirit and soul by His Word. That way His Word will direct your destiny, your future on earth and beyond. God desires to train and educate your soul to be under the authority of your born-again, spirit filled heart. If the Holy Spirit, through your spirit is given your permission to direct your soul, then the Will of God will be your destiny.” ~ The Lord speaking to Pastor Jerry Lawrence
- 2 Timothy 1:7 [*Passion Bible*] “For God will never give you the spirit of fear, but the Holy Spirit who gives you mighty power, love, and self-control.”
- 2 Timothy 2:3-7
 - Verse 4 — a soldier's entire concentration is on the Mission

I. The Law of The Mind

A. Romans 7:22-23

1. The war that's warring after (against) the Law of the Mind is the Law of Sin and Death.
2. Romans 8:2
3. Paul is pointing to the place of Conflict: The Mind

B. Romans 7:22

1. We hear the Word, get excited, desire to fulfill the Word we've heard
2. Satan puts other influences in our path to distract us:
 - Our past
 - The Economy
 - Threats of sickness & disease
 - Fear of failure - not pleasing God

C. “Your ability to operate the Law of the Mind properly will determine whether God's Word dictates the quality of life or whether the Law of Sin and Death dictates the quality of your life.” ~ Mac Hammond, from his book, “Soul Control”

D. Proverbs 23:7 - “As a man thinks in his heart, so is he...”

1. What you think of yourself is how you see yourself
2. What & who have you allowed to program your mind, your thought patterns?
3. What has influenced us to think the way we do?
 - Grandparents, parents?
 - Teachers?
 - Media (news, TV, Politicians, Social media)?
 - Preachers - Christian TV/Radio?

II. The Spirit of the Mind

- A. Ephesians 4:22 - 24 [*Amplified Classic Version*]²² Strip yourselves of your former nature [*put off and discard your old unrenewed self*] which characterized your previous manner of life and becomes corrupt through lusts and desires that spring from delusion.²³ And be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind [*having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude*],²⁴ And put on the new nature (the regenerate self) created in God's image, [*Godlike*] in true righteousness and holiness.
- B. The Spirit of the Mind refers to the way we are - the attitude, the value system, the things that make us who we are: that gives us the patterns of response to whatever stimulates us." ~ Mac Hammond, from his book, "Soul Control"
- C. 1 Peter 1:13
1. Sober = sound in mind, free from intoxicating influences, worry, fear, anxiety
 2. Hope = a positive expectation to the outcome
 3. "Gird up the loins of your mind"
 - Loins = creative power
 - Gird = strengthen
- D. 2 Peter 1:7 = the Spirit of God gives us a sound mind through:
1. God's Word (Study, Hearing & Meditation)
 2. God's Holy Spirit (Ephesians 3:16)
- E. Psalm 2:1
1. Vain = empty, worthless, void of power
 2. Genesis 11:6 = ". . . nothing will be restrained from them which they have imagined to do"
 3. You need to make a commitment to God's Word

III. "Let the weak say, I AM STRONG" {Joel 3:10}

- A. Joel 3:9-14
1. Verse 19: prepare for war
 2. Verse 10: turn your instruments of this world into spiritual weapons
 - Sword of the Spirit (The Word of God)
 - Spear (Lance) - The Word coming from your voice
 3. Verse 12: The Valley of Jehoshaphat = Surrounded by enemies but God has a plan
 4. Verse 14: The Day of the Lord = Jesus IS Coming Back
 - It starts with the Rapture of the Church!
 - Are you Ready?
 5. Verse 11: What has God put in your hands?
 - The Sword of the Spirit
 - The Shield of Faith
 - The Whole Armor
 - THE ANOINTING
 6. Verse 11 — God will put the weapon of warfare in our hands to bring down the enemy.
 7. Verse 11: This is the Valley of Decision - make the decision to be what Christ has made you — THE BODY OF CHRIST; Ambassadors for Him in this earth.

