
Overcoming the wicked one is a result of the Word of God abiding in you!

1 John 2:14

What does it mean to have the Word of God abiding in you?

This is about what you are thinking about and dwelling on throughout the day.

Why does it matter what you think about throughout your day?

Just as our words either produce life or death...so do our thoughts.

Proverbs 18:21 The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Romans 8:6 The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.

Colossians 3:16 (NASB) Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you.

James 1:21 Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

"Save you": The Word of God saves. Saves: delivers, empowers, gives life, heals...

Think and speak the Word of God ➡ Faith ➡ Salvation!

Question: Have you ever told yourself what to think about? Or do you usually let your circumstances tell you what to think about?

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

We can direct our thoughts. We can command our brain what to focus on. We can have the mind of Christ. And as we have the mind of Christ we experience life, not death, in our souls and in our bodies.

Philippians 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

right thoughts ➡ right living ➡ God's blessing

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. (Psalm 19:7a)

Soul: mind, will & emotions

God's Word refreshes our soul.

Jesus promises to give rest to our souls. (Matthew 11:29)

As the Good Shepherd, He restores our souls. (Psalm 23:1-3)

The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. (Psalm 19:7b)

The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. (Psalm 19:8a)

The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. (Psalm 19:8b)

Summary:

Meditating on the Word of God refreshes our soul, making us wise, giving joy to our heart and light to our eyes... saving us!

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (Amp) The weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood]. Our weapons are divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying sophisticated arguments and every exalted and proud thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought and purpose captive to the obedience of Christ.

Psalm 19:14 May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.