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## WHEN THOUGHTS BECOME DEEDS

Man is made in the image of God. We have a spirit, soul, and body. Before we are born again our spirits are spiritually dead towards the things of God, and we are led by our soul, which is made up of our mind, will and emotions, or our flesh, which is our body. They dictate to us what we do, where we go, what we eat, what we think, which very often is not what is the best for us!

When we become born again, the Holy Spirit comes into our spirit and we are now alive spiritually toward the things of God. Our spirit is then seated with Christ in heavenly places. This is where the battle begins. Our old nature, which was led by our soul and body now is in competition with our new nature in our spirit. Whichever nature we feed will control what we do.

Satan speaks to us in our soul. He works with the mind, will, and emotions through thoughts. He will tempt us to do that which is sin. The only way we can combat this is by letting our spirit control our thoughts. The only way to know if it is a right or wrong thought is to see it through the eyes of scripture. By reading the scriptures we learn what is sin and what is not sin.

A wrong thought in itself is not sin. It is when we think about it and put it into action or deeds that makes it a sin. II Corinthians 10:5 tells us to cast down imaginations or put to death the thoughts that exalt themselves higher than the knowledge of God. We are to put those thoughts that are contrary to what the scriptures say into prison and not let them out.

Is this easy? No, because Satan will never stop trying to get you to think on the wrong things. In Philippians 4:8 we are told, ***“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of a good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”***

We have to shut off the negative distractions and news that brings evil and anger to our minds. We must choose to think on good things. Then and only then will our thoughts of evil not become deeds. The battle is won by our thoughts!