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Mind Matters: “Mind Games”

Matt 7:13-14

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Strategy of the Mind

- **Tactical strategists are people who emphasize skillful thinking and planning to achieve victory.**
- **These are people who thrive on strategic, tactical, and logistical challenges.**

Strategy of the Mind

- **The whole idea for them is to out- think their opponent by creating the idea of false security, luring them in to what they believe is a safe zone, while utilizing the element of surprise to claim victory.**

War Games

- War Games are a subgenre of strategy video games that emphasize strategic or tactical warfare on a map. The primary game-play mode in a war-game is usually tactical: fighting battles!!!!!!

War Game Strategy

- **War games sometimes have a strategic mode, in which players can plan their battle or choose an area to conquer, but players typically spend much less time in this mode and more time actually fighting.**

War Games Strategy

- **Often the reason is it requires patience, discipline and order in delegating tasks to a subordinate.**
- **Most gamers in war games would rather engage in the battle of control rather than delegate the task.**

Point of Power

- The problem with this tactic is - you are often so distracted, discouraged and disillusioned with the engagement that you don't have time to plan your attack.

Mind Strategy

- Luke 4:13

Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

Mind Games

- **Our adversary, the devil delegates to his minions a rank and file order of one strategy to defeat humanity. He focuses all of his energy; all of his weaponry is designed at one place...**

The Mind !!!!!!!

How to Fight

- 2 Timothy 2:3-4 (NKJV)

You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. ⁴ No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of *this* life, that he may please Him who enlisted him as a soldier.

How to Fight

- **1 Timothy 6:12**

**Fight the good fight of faith,
lay hold on eternal life, to
which you were also called
and have confessed the good
confession in the presence of
many witnesses...**

How to Fight

- **Ephesians 6:13**

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

How to Fight

- James 4:7

**Therefore submit to God.
Resist the devil and he will
flee from you.**

How to Fight

- 2 Timothy 4:7

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Keys to Winning Your Faith Fight with Your Mind

- Walk - Choices we make
- Weaponry - Maintain the tactical strategy of unity of thought
- Wash - Remove idols

Tale of the Text

- **Paul is pleading and urging the newly converted Corinthian Christians to live a vastly different lifestyle than the rest of the population of Corinthians around them.**

Tale of the Text

- **We must remember that Corinth was a city rich and steeped in cultural traditions and nuances of its time.**
- **It was a port city; goods and services could travel in and out, creating a robust economy.**

Tale of the Text

- **Along with the exchange of goods and services was the exploration of ideas in social and cultural practices.**
- **In the text Paul is urging and reminding the Christians of this culture that they were in a war of the flesh vs the spirit.**

Power Point

- **We are still in a war of the Flesh vs the Spirit.**
- **This war first exists in the Mind!!!**

Our Walk

- **Walking in the flesh simply means giving in to your heart's desires and impulses.**
- **It means to act and react via your five senses - what you taste, touch, smell, hear and see**

Scriptural Application

- Romans 8:6 (NCV)

If people's thinking is controlled by the sinful self, there is death. But if their thinking is controlled by the Spirit, there is life and peace.

Scriptural Application

- Romans 8:7 (NCV)

When people's thinking is controlled by the sinful self, they are *against or at war with God*, because they refuse to obey God's law and really are not even able to obey God's law.

God is Concerned

- **God is concerned about our walk with Him; He is concerned about the decisions we make.**
- **He is concerned about how we make those decisions.**
- **The trick of Satan is to warp our minds and desires. He messes with our minds by getting us to question God's ways.**

BIG BOLD STATEMENT

- **There is nothing wrong with what we all ultimately desire; the issue is how we get there!!!**

Scriptural Application

- Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Scriptural Application

- Matthew 6:33 (NCV)

Seek first God's kingdom and what God wants. Then all your other needs will be met as well.

Our Weaponry

- **The Text says, “For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal (fleshly), but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds...”**
- **Often as Christians we can be defeated in our faith fights because of the tactics we employ.**

Our Weaponry

- **We must remember that we are in a war and battle for our thought lives.**
- **A tactic and strategy of Satan is to cause an image in the mind to make things look worse than they really are.**

Fear Not

- 2 Chronicles 20:15

And he said, "Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the LORD to you: 'Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's.'"

Power Point

- **We have to get it in our minds that the battles we face aren't even about us; it's about whose god is God.**

Divide and Conquer

- A second strategy the enemy uses against us is called “divide and conquer.”
- He is trying to divide you from *you*

Scriptural Application

- **John 15:7**

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

- **Satan is trying to divide you from God's Word**

Scriptural Application

- Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Scriptural Application

- James 1:8

.....a double-minded man,
unstable in all his way

A Yet Praise

- **Job 17:9**

Yet the righteous will hold to his way, and he who has clean hands will be stronger and stronger.

Yet Praise

- Psalm 37:25

**I have been young, and now
am old; yet I have not seen
the righteous forsaken, Nor
his descendants begging
bread.**

Yet Praise

- Psalm 119:143

Trouble and anguish have overtaken me, yet Your commandments are my delights.

Washing

- **The text says our weapons are mighty in God for the pulling down of strongholds and casting down arguments and every high thing.**
- **Strongholds in the Old Testament where fortified, impenetrable cities where there was no way in.**

Wash Out

- **In this text Paul is writing to the Corinthian Christians and telling them that there are some thought processes in the culture of Corinth that need to come down. And if those come down, everything with them will come down.**

Power Point

- We all have some ungodly thoughts that have kept us from obeying his Word, and if we pull down the strongholds the rest of what we deal with we will overcome.

Understanding the Stronghold

- Strongholds are first established in the mind; that is why we must take every thought captive.
- Behind the stronghold is a lie that was believed. It is a place of personal bondage where God's word has been subjugated to unscriptural, untrue ideas that have confused believers.

Understanding the Stronghold

- **Behind every lie is a fear.
A fear that we won't be
accepted, loved, understood,
received, honored,
appreciated, or valued.**

Understanding the Stronghold

- **Behind every fear is an idol. Idols are established wherever there exists a failure to trust in the provisions of God that have already been given to us in Christ Jesus.**

How to Pull Down Strongholds

- **Power of God's Word: Pulls down the stronghold**
- **Prayer of God's Word: Pulls down the stronghold**

Pull Down Strongholds

- **Strongholds are pulled down with a PRAISE.**

Closing Power Point

- **We must remember we are engaged in a war against our adversary, the devil.**
- **The fight is for our faith in our thought life.**
- **We must walk in the spirit, employing the weapons in God's word while His Word washes our minds of idolatry; then we will win.**