

Maintaining a Pure Thought Life

Key Passages

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

Bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; we must cast down imaginations that exalt themselves against the knowledge of God; in view here is the battle against trains of thought that displace adherence to the truth God has revealed about himself and His Son in Scripture

Romans 12:2

We renew our minds by feeding on Scripture; we behave as Christians as we learn to think like one!

Col. 2:6-8

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. All departure from the faith begins in the thought life as Satan invites one to depart from the faith and embrace the vain traditions of men

Matt. 4:3

Satan introduces wrong thoughts alluring us away from what is right; he is cunning; remember, all temptation begins in the thought life

James 1:14

Wrong thoughts entice and appeal to the fallen nature within us; we must be diligent to deal with temptation in its initial stage, casting down wrong thoughts; remember, wrong thoughts are not in and of themselves sin; rather they are invitations to give way to the lust that lies within us; prayer is our main weapon against the potential of acting on the invitation to sin in some way;

the Lord will deliver us from that place of failure as we face temptation as we ask him to deliver us from evil

Phil.4:8

Here is clear guidance for our thought life

Eph. 4:27

Give no place to the devil, that is, give him no ground from which he can pelt you with temptation