

CLOSE THAT GATE

The Battle Complex Lesson Three

A fence has gates but a fence is not a gate as in the Bible. Gates in a spiritual sense are points of entrance that controls access, and they dictate who comes in, and also what comes in. When gates are not closed and protected unwanted or un-invited things gain entrance and are able to do damage to what's behind the gates.

Our human souls once we become believers in Christ, must understand the revelation of our personal gates, because it is through these gates that access is granted. These are our gates; **Eyes, Ears, and the Mouth**. Now the mind would be considered as a gate, but the mind is also the control center, the place where data, intelligence, information is gathered for the purpose of decision making. The mind is the center of influence that guides and directs , and it gets it's information through what we see **(eyes=focus)**, hear **(ears=listening/entertaining)** and speak. The mouth speaks for the house and expresses and expose what everyone is thinking. When it's closed, nothing comes out and nothing comes in.

Now the mind feeds off of what we put in it, through all of these points of entrance, all of the data of information that we watch, listen to, is always exposed by the mouth. That's why phrases like; close/shut your mouth, open your mouth, cover

your ears or stop up your ears, close your eyes or open your eyes, are all a part of our literary training. Whatever your thinking is, these gates are the source from which our thoughts are actualized and realized.

If you do not master your gates appropriately, you'll lose control of your center of operation, which is your mind. That's how things like; anxiety, fear, oppression, depression, uncertainty, indecisiveness, and decision making in general are allowed to manifest; all because of the information that comes into the control center. That's why we need the Holy Spirit and the Word of God because they are the filters of the mind and they dictate what's staying in the mind and what's leaving the mind. This is what I call the code or rules of reversal, refusal and rejection, all controlled by the Word of God and the Holy Spirit. Here's a side note to remember, because there is a lot of sound good stuff out here in the sphere of social media intelligence. **“All good information is not God information.”**

Master Your Mind:

Mastering your mind from a biblical perspective is not about self-control alone, but it's about Spirit-led transformation. Your mind determines your discipline, leadership, and spiritual authority.

1. Transformation Begins with Renewal

Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind...”

- Transformation (**Greek: metamorphoō**) = internal change that affects external life.
- Renewal is continuous, not one event.

Personal Application:

- You don't master your mind by suppressing thoughts.
- You master your mind by replacing patterns with truth.
- Replace every negative thought with a written biblical truth

2. Guard the Gates of Your Mind

Proverbs 4:23 “Guard your heart with all diligence...”

In Hebrew thought, heart includes mind, will, and intellect.

3 Gates to Guard:

1. Eyes – What you watch
2. Ears – What you hear
3. Environment – Who influences you

If you feed on chaos, fear, gossip, and outrage, your mind cannot operate in wisdom.

3. Capture Every Thought:

2 Corinthians 10:5 “Taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.”

Mastering Your Mind Means:

- Not believing every thought.
- Interrogating thoughts.

Questions to ask yourself:

- Does this align with God’s Word?
- Does this align with my calling?
- Is this fear, pride, or faith?

You don’t negotiate with destructive thoughts you arrest them.

4. Think on What Is Excellent

Philippians 4:8 “Whatever is true... noble... just... pure... think on these things.”

Our minds are like farmland:

- What we plant grows.
- What we rehearse strengthens.

“Mental purity equals strategic clarity.”

5. Submit Your Mind to the Spirit

Romans 8:6 “The mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.”

Two mental modes of the human mind:

- Flesh-driven: reactive, ego-based, emotional.
- Spirit-led: disciplined, peaceful, discerning.

Spirit-led thinking produces:

- Patience under pressure = Spiritual Stability
- Wisdom in negotiations = Spiritual Substance
- Emotional regulation in conflict = Spiritual Sovereignty

6. Fast to Break Mental Strongholds

Matthew 17:21.....Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

The Power of Fasting and Prayer:

- Weakens fleshly impulses
- Strengthens spiritual awareness
- Builds mental discipline

“If we can master our appetites, we can master our impulses.”

7. Developing the Mind of Christ

1Corinthians 2:16-17 KJV For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

Philippians 2:5-8 KJV

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

The Biblical Translation:

- Humility over ego
- Obedience over impulse
- Purpose over distraction
- Eternal thinking over temporary emotion

Closing Summary

Measuring the Mastering of Your Mental Growth

- You respond instead of react.

- You feel peace under pressure.
- You don't spiral in negative loops.
- You hear God clearly.
- Your decisions align with purpose.