

It's All in Your Head

(2Co 10:4-5) ⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down **strongholds**, ⁵casting down **arguments** and every **high thing** (Eph 6:12) that exalts itself against the **knowledge of God**, bringing every **thought** into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

Battlefield is not the Heavens, but our Heads - Ruling our Thoughts
Mental Fortresses built from Lies (Validate Truth 2Ths 2:10, Ps 51:6)

Human Reasoning and Demonic Wisdom vs Knowledge of God (2Cor 10:5)

(Col 2:2-4, 8) ²attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, ³in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴Now this I say lest anyone should deceive you with persuasive words.
⁸Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

Understanding: correct Knowledge - Wise actions

examine foundational premises (small lies?) - Reason from Truth

all Biblical Principles are Wise Foundation - **Human Reasoning** will Cheat you

(Jas 3:13-17) **Demonic Wisdom** Revealed by Fruit - (Mt 11:16-19) accepted now vs wise later
Goal is **Knowledge of God** - His higher Thoughts and Ways (Is 55:8-9)

(Pr 9:10) The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

you can't understand life without understanding Him

(Ep 4:13) till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; (conformed to Him)

(Ep 1:17-18) ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, ¹⁸the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know ...

(2Pe 1:3) as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him

We are Conformed to Christ by learning to Rule our **Thoughts** (2Cor 10:5)

(Ro 12:2) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

can't act like Him unless we Think like Him

not just "no bad thoughts", but His thoughts (ask!) - ex: Jer 29:11-13 context

Primary Weapon is still His Word (specific)

Tips: performance (self justification) vs acceptance (Eph 1:6, 2:8-9)

questions: the unanswerable loop - you don't have to answer his questions

condemnation vs conviction - specific

isolation and intimidation (Elijah) - community committed to His Word