"The Battlefield of the Mind"

Romans 8:7; 12:2; Philippians 2.5

Introduction: The assignment is to make disciples! Make people value what I value, function like I function and live like I live in my image and likeness. You can put a disciple in any environment and they'll shine. Disciples value systems run contrary to the atmosphere they've been placed in. Ask yourself are you a disciple, a learner and a student doing the work?

Men and women of God the thing that's hindering us the most from growing and thriving in ministry is how we think our mind. Let's read ***2 Corinthians 10:5***. The word disciple also means discipline. We have to learn to discipline our mind by bringing every idea into submission to a focused, and peaceful state of being. Also, remember this, there was a vision for your life long before y0u got here in the earth realm. We were created by God in His image and likeness! We were in existence in the mind of God before we got to the earth, ***Jeremiah 1:4-5***.

"We Thought Ourselves There"

Philippians 2:5 says, "***Let this mind be in you that was also in Jesus***." In our journey our mind must be renewed by the word of God. So, your mind can realize who you already are! We are in the place we're in today because we thought ourselves there! "***What a man thinketh in his heart so is he***," ***Proverbs 23:7***. If you think negative you'll become negative, if you think faith you'll live in faith. How you think will define your reality! So, the best way to move

your life forward is to move your mind forward. Also, your life is not stuck your mind and thinking is stuck! Get your mind moving and you'll get your life moving.

You can have a lot of passion, but if your mind is undisciplined, you'll continue to make dumb decisions! Your spirit knows when you're making dumb decisions and it's screaming for a renewal!

"**Omnipotent**"

Omnipotent is an adjective that means having unlimited power, authority, or the ability to do anything. Omni means all and potent means powerful but it's also where we get the word potential! Leaders, we have omni-potential living in us and our mind is full of limitations and the two are in conflict! It's the carnal mind that is enemy of God! ***Romans 8:7*** says, it's the mind that does not think like God's Spirit thinks and it's God's enemy! Every time God speaks to you, a carnal mind will talk you out of it! Whether your vision comes to pass or not will be determined by what runs through your head all day and what you decide to focus on!

"Focus"

Focus is spiritual discipline. It's directing your attention, thoughts, and efforts toward God and His Kingdom while intentionally avoiding worldly distractions. It's a single-minded devotion, ***Matthew 6:22 and Luke 11:34***. We have thoughts that run through our mind everyday but we are not in charge of all those thoughts, but we are in charge of our focus! All the devil wants to do is get us off course through distractions. When Peter was walking on water the miracle was destroyed because of broken focus! It's Satan's job to put something in front of you, that contradicts what God put in you! When God drops a dream, vision or plan in you, you must focus!

There are also times when God puts that thing in your spirit and you might have to hold that in silence. Don't do a Joseph, **ie**. God showed him in a dream that his brothers would bow down to him – he did not have to run and tell them. But there is a time when God puts something in you and you have to declare it! It's in us but not yet a manifested reality! We live in God's reality not ours.

"Our Mind Does Two Things – Remembers and Imagines"

If we don't give our mind something to imagine it'll retreat to memory. Our memory lives in a closet, but our imagination is a factory for change! We declare it with our mouth to tell our mind what to believe. Take time to meditate which means to remind yourself. The scripture regarding the woman with the issue of blood said, "***and she said within herself***." She was saying, '*I'm imagining that if I can touch the hem of His garment, I can be made whole*.' She saw it in her mind before she saw it in the crowd. We have to start thinking on the level of our imagination! Myles Monroe said, "the richest place in the earth is the graveyard?" In the graveyards are multitudes of un-born visions! Ephesians 1:17. Wisdom is the practical application of divine truth in your daily life. Revelation is the unveiling of spiritual truths by the Holy Spirit! Experiencing God in a living, personal way rather than relying solely on human intellect! Revelation will give you the vision to see, wisdom will give you the understanding of what you see!