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REBUILDING
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GATES

Rebuilding the Gates

Neh 6:1 - 9

1 Now it happened when Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab, and the rest of our enemies heard that I had rebuilt the wall, and that there were no breaks left in it (though at that time I had not hung the doors in the gates), 2 that Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, "Come, let us meet together among the villages in the plain of Ono." But they thought to do me harm.

3 So I sent messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down. Why should the work cease while I leave it and go down to you?"

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4 But they sent me this message four times, and I answered them in the same manner.

5 Then Sanballat sent his servant to me as before, the fifth time, with an open letter in his hand. 6 In it was written:

It is reported among the nations, and Geshem says, that you and the Jews plan to rebel; therefore, according to these rumors, you are rebuilding the wall, that you may be their king. 7 And you have also appointed prophets to proclaim concerning you at Jerusalem, saying, "There is a king in Judah!" Now these matters will be reported to the king. So come, therefore, and let us consult together.

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8 Then I sent to him, saying, “No such things as you say are being done, but you invent them in your own heart.”

8 I sent him this reply: “Nothing like what you are saying is happening; you are just making it up out of your head.” (NIV)

9 For they all were trying to make us afraid, saying, “Their hands will be weakened in the work, and it will not be done.”

Now therefore, O God, strengthen my hands.

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James 4:7 - 8

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

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners;
and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Renewal of the Mind

Rom 12:1 - 2

“1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world (age / eon), but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

Renewal of the Mind

2 Cor 10:3 - 6

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but MIGHTY IN GOD for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down imaginations (**speculations**) and every high (**lofty**) thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ...

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Prov 16:32

He that ruleth his mind, is greater than he that taketh a city.

Renewal of the Mind



- Hostile mind (Col 1:21)
- Blinded mind (2 Cor 4:4)
- Defiled mind (Titus 1:15)
- The spirit of our mind (Eph 4:23)
- Doubtful mind (James 1:6 - 8)
- Carnal mind (Rom 8:5 - 6)
- Futile mind (Eph 4:17 - 18)
- Renewed mind (Rom 12:1 - 2, Eph 4:23)
- Spiritual mind (Rom 8:6)
- Sound mind (2 Tim 1:7)

Renewal of the Mind

- Hostile mind

Col 1:19 - 22

“19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, 20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

21 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled 22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight...”

Renewal of the Mind

- Blinded mind

2 Cor 4:3 - 5

3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. 5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. 6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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- Defiled mind

Titus 1:15 - 16

“To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and consciences are defiled. They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.”

Renewal of the Mind

- The spirit of our mind.

Eph 4:20 - 24

But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

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Now, what in the world is that? 'The Spirit of your mind.' It means at least this: the human mind is not a sophisticated computer managing data, which it then faithfully presents to the heart for appropriate emotional responses.

- The mind has a "spirit." In other words, our mind has what we call a "mindset."
- It doesn't just have a view, it has a viewpoint.
- It doesn't just have the power to perceive and detect; it also has a posture, a demeanor, a bearing, an attitude, a bent / preference.

- John Piper -

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- The futile mind

1 Pet 1:13 - 14

“... gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance...”

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- The futile mind

Eph 4:17 - 18

“This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart...”

Renewal of the Mind

HOW IS THE MIND RENEWED?

The Word of God
The Spirit of God

Scripture is LIFE

Phil 2:14 - 16

Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast **(holding onto and holding out)** the WORD OF LIFE, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

Scripture is LIFE

1 John 1:1 - 3

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the WORD OF LIFE— 2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— 3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

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2 Cor 3:17 - 18

Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Scripture is LIFE

1. Abide in the Word:

- John 17:17, Jesus said, “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word (logos) is truth.”
- John 8:31 - 32, “If you abide in my word, you are my disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

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A photograph of a stone archway in a ruined building, with rubble on the ground and a wooden railing in front of the arch. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting an interior or a shaded area. The archway is the central focus, leading into a dark opening. The surrounding walls are made of large, rectangular stone blocks, many of which are cracked and crumbling. The ground is covered in a thick layer of broken stones and debris. A simple wooden railing with three vertical posts and a curved top rail is positioned in front of the archway. The overall atmosphere is one of desolation and decay.

- Meditation
- Catching thoughts
- Recognizing mindsets
- Prayer

Scripture is LIFE

2. Yield / Partner with the Holy Spirit

Titus 3:4 - 6

“But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior...”

Scripture is LIFE

3. Set your mind to establish a mindset.

Rom 8:5

Those who live according to the flesh have their MINDS SET on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

Col 3:1 - 2

1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 SET YOUR MIND on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

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