

The enemy fights the mind on three levels:

- **Thought attacks against the mind.** (external temptation of fear, accusation, confusion, lust and condemnation)
- **Through intrusion into the mind** (repeated invasions as torments, oppression, mental harassment, and internal unrest that disturbs, dominates, and drains).
- **Through strongholds within the mind** (entrenched patterns of thinking built by lies, wounds, sin, trauma, and demonic influence)

The enemy attacks with thoughts, intrudes with torment, and builds strongholds with lies. We must resist the attack, remove the introducer, and renew the mind.

1. Satan does not always speak in a demonic voice; sometimes he hides behind a familiar voice.

Four voices speak into our lives: God's voice, people's voice, Satan's voice, and our own voice.

Not every thought in your mind came from you.

2. The devil has an accent, and once you learn it, you can recognize his voice.

- Doubts God's goodness *"God is withholding from you."* (Gen 3:4-5)
- Questions God's Word *"Has God indeed said?"* (Gen 3:1; Mt 4:6)
- Undermines your identity *"If you are the Son of God..."* (Mt 4:3)

3. When life gets harder, lies get louder so your armor must get stronger.

The enemy throws fiery lies at the places where God has clothed you with truth, righteousness, salvation, faith, and peace.

Above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. Ephesians 6:16

"...that you may be able to withstand in the evil day..." Ephesians 6:13

4. The enemy's power grows where lies are believed, welcomed, repeated, and obeyed.

The enemy looks for more than attention; he looks for agreement.

The presence of a thought is not the same as agreement with a thought.

And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him, John 13:2

Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve. Luke 22:3





- Satan planted.
- Judas planned.
- Satan entered.
- Judas acted.

But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? Acts 5:3

"...Why have you conceived this thing in your heart?..." Acts 5:4

The enemy can suggest, pressure, and tempt but you still choose agreement.

5. Take every thought hostage until it bows to Christ.

casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, 2 Corinthians 10:5

You don't negotiate with destructive thoughts. You arrest them.

Paul first says we must cast down arguments. These are the thoughts that sound logical but contradict God.

Paul says *lies exalt themselves against the knowledge of God*. Lies try to sit higher than what God said.

Paul does not say some thoughts. He says *every thought*.

1. Does this thought agree with God's Word?
2. Does this thought produce faith or fear?
3. Does this thought move me toward obedience or away from it?