

Antioch Christian Church Wednesday Night Bible Study

Series – Walking in Dominion

Lesson #2 – Taking Control

Foundational Scripture: Luke 10:17-20

- Jesus has given us authority. As believers, we must receive that authority and walk in the authority that we have been given.
- We must **TAKE CONTROL**. *To take means to grab or to seize*. We must be aggressive about laying hold of the promises of God.
- **We must take control of our minds, take control of our thoughts and take control of our flesh.**

I. We must take control of our minds. Romans 12:1-2.

- a. The mind is a place where decisions are made. It is a place of direction and correction. The mind must be renewed **every day**.
- b. Renewing the mind with the Word of God is essential to your success with God in the **natural** realm.
 - We worship God with our Spirit; we serve Him with our mind. **Romans 7:25**.
- c. We must have a love for God's Word and seek to program our mind with His Word on a continual basis.
- d. In order for us to take control of our minds, we must understand how our mind is made up and allow the Word to separate the components.
- e. The mind is made up of the following components: ***Will, Intellect, Desire, Emotions***
 - The **WILL** is the decision maker in the meeting. We were created by God as free moral agents with the freedom of choice. We must choose to follow the commandments of God. **Joshua 24:15; Isaiah 14:12-14**
 - **INTELLECT** is carnal; knowledge that makes sense to the natural mind; man's wisdom and man's understanding. **1 Corinthians 2:14-16**. We must discipline our intellect to receive the Word of God and reason by the Word of God.
 - **DESIRE** can be godly or ungodly; it depends on how you're walking. If you're walking in the Spirit, desire is godly and becomes a reward from God. **Psalms**

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37:4. If you're walking in the flesh, desire is ungodly and becomes lust. **James 1:13-15**

- **EMOTIONS** are defined as a strong surge of feelings that are triggered by the situation at hand. Emotions will always look at the circumstances to determine how to respond. Emotions must be controlled if they are contrary to the Word of God. **John 14:1; Ephesians 4:26; Colossians 3:12; Philippians 4:6**

II. We must take control of our thoughts. **II Corinthians 10:3-6**

- a. A thought is a device designed to manipulate the mind positively or negatively. Every day we must monitor our thoughts and make them line up with the Word of God.
- b. Uncontrolled thoughts can lead you into places where the Word of God is not; therefore, you are not protected and cannot walk in authority.
- c. Thoughts that do not line up with the Word of God must not be allowed to stay in our minds.
 - There can be no IDLE thoughts.
 - Before you take action on a thought, make sure the thought is examined and that it lines up with the Word of God.
- d. Every uncontrolled thought will give birth to something contrary to God's plan and purpose for your life. **James 1:13-15**
- e. Ungodly thoughts produce ungodly attitudes. Ungodly attitudes produce ungodly words. Ungodly words produce ungodly behavior. The end result is failure to walk in authority. It produces a wilderness mentality instead of a promised land mentality. **Scriptural example – Children of Israel not entering the promise land; Numbers 13**

III. We must take control of our flesh. **Colossians 3:1-7; Romans 7:14-25**

- a. Man was created a trinity. Man is spirit; he has a mind and lives in a body (flesh).
- b. The flesh must be separated from the trinity. **Hebrews 4:12-13.** When things are not separated they are fused and we live confused.
- c. Our flesh must be controlled at all times by the Word of God. It can never be allowed to roam free.

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- d. The flesh is genetically coded to sin and will always want to sin. The flesh is weak.
Matthew 26:35-41
- e. The flesh wars against the Spirit. **Galatians 5:16**.
 - A war is a struggle between opposing forces for a particular end; constant never ending.
- f. The flesh hates correction and must be forced to obey. **1 Corinthians 9:27**;
Romans 6:12
- g. The flesh cannot give any spiritual revelation. **Galatians 1:10-12, 15-16**.
 - Revelation comes through the Spirit not the flesh.
- h. The flesh can never be trusted; it will never lead you anywhere good or close to God.