

## How To Control One's Thought Life!

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### Using This Study

#### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

#### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

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## ① EXAMINE His Word

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### Introduction:

In this our last message on the promises of Scripture, we will examine how to control our thought life. Is it actually possible to control our thoughts? What does it actually look like to hold our thoughts captive?

A. The greatest battle is often fought within our minds.

B. The problem of pheromones.

C. The problem of repeated failures.

## ② EXPLORE His Word

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### What does God MEAN?

Read 2 Corinthians 10:5 (ESV):

*We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,*

A. Historical Context.

B. What does “captivity” mean? 3 Nuances:

1.

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3. To \_\_\_\_\_:
  - a. to subdue;
  - b. to bring into subjection;
  - c. to gain complete control over.

## **③ EMBRACE His Word**

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### **How Should We Then Live?**

How can we gain the victory over our thought life?

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## ④ **LIVE His Word**

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**Summarize your thoughts on the passage.**

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO.

**Sermon Notes:**