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Thought  
Captive



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# The Mindset of the Flesh

- Descriptions
  - *Depraved* – Romans 1:28
  - *Defiled* – Titus 1:15
  - *Futile* – Ephesians 4:17
- Sin begins in the mind – Genesis 6:5
- We all carry baggage from sinful thinking  
Ephesians 4:17, Colossians 1:21



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# Renew Your Mind

- Renew – cast out the old, bring in the new
- Transformation begins by renewing our thinking
- New mind → new life
  - *Romans 12*
  - *Ephesians 4*
  - *Colossians 3*



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# Set Your Mind

- How is your mind oriented? What direction does it face?
- Shaped by God's Word  
Colossians 3:16, Hebrews 8:10
- Habits in your thinking?





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**Guard your mind** – Philippians 4:4-9



# Guard Your Mind

- Pray – v. 6
- Dwell on godly things – v. 8
- Be vigilant and always aware of your thoughts
- Be careful of what you allow to anchor deep



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Prepare your mind – 1 Peter 1:13



# Prepare Your Mind

- Implies hardship & trials – 1 Peter 2:21, John 16:1-4
- Suffering for Christ requires a mindset prepared to do so with faith
- Don't let your mind get lazy or empty



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2 Corinthians 10:5

