

Ungodly Thoughts

Text: 2 Corinthians 10:3-6

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I. THE REASON BEHIND UNGODLY THOUGHTS

- A. There are two external sources that influence our thinking
 - 1) Satan (*1 Pet. 5:8*)
 - a) With lies – as Jesus referred to Satan in *John 8:44*
 - i) Eve (*Gen. 3:1-5*)
 - ii) Jesus (*Matt. 4:1-11*)
 - iii) Judas (*John 13:2*)
 - b) With temptations
 - c) With doubts
 - 2) The world
- B. There is an internal source of influence: the flesh or Adamic nature (*Mark 1:21-23*)

II. THE CONSEQUENCES OF ENTERTAINING UNGODLY THOUGHTS

- A. Defilement (*Mark 7:20-22*)
- B. Disfellowship (*1 John 1:5-7*)
- C. Destructive behavior
- D. Deficiency (*Rom. 8:6*)

III. THE SOLUTION FOR UNGODLY THOUGHTS

- A. Pray earnestly and sincerely
- B. Avoid anything that goes against God's Word, including what we see or hear
- C. Cast down imaginations (thoughts) and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God
- D. Bring every thought into obedience to Christ
- E. Renew the mind (*Rom. 12:2 | Phil. 4:8-9*)
- F. Surrender and confess the sinful thoughts
- G. Rely on the Holy Spirit (*Rom. 8:6 | 2 Tim. 1:7 | John 14:26*)