

THE ARMY OF GOD

Indoctrination

- I. Rm8:7-The carnal mind thinks in opposition to God; You can't think in opposition to God and serve in his army
Indoctrination is needed; Teaching, instructing and molding to get you on His page

A. A mind that hasn't been influenced by God will always be in a state of opposition to God

1. Enmity-A state of opposition; Carnal-Human/earthly nature apart from divine influence
2. Is55:8-Human nature or the natural course of thought always thinks in opposition to God

B. Amos 3:3-If you don't think like God you can't walk with God and in turn be used by God

1. Rm8:7-TPT-The mind-set focused on the flesh fights God's plan and refuses to submit to his direction, b/c it cannot
2. We got to do something with this mindset, with this way of thinking

C. People get born again but after enlisting you have to get indoctrinated so that you can become useful to God

1. Col1:13-You're in new kingdom/army/family; There's a whole new way of operating; Religion knows nothing about it
2. Indoctrination-Teaching, instructing, molding by dispersing of knowledge; Especially in fundamentals or rudiments
 - a. The role of military indoctrination is transforming civilians to service members
 - 1) We have to transform you from a carnal saved person, into a good soldier of Jesus Christ
 - b. You have to be resocialized your values, beliefs and norms have to be reengineered; Unlearn and relearn
 - 1) Don't assume b/c you've been saved for years that this has happened to you – If you haven't sat under good teaching and put into practice what you've heard then this hasn't happened to you
3. If you go into the military; There's a whole new way of operating you're going to be indoctrinated into
 - a. They are going to renew your mind – There is a way they operate that you are unfamiliar with and they are going to familiarize you with it in a hurry and you're going to operate that way or you're going to go home; Why? Because a failure to do so limits your effectiveness as a soldier and the effectiveness of the army
 - b. Recruit training is a physically and psychologically intensive process; It resocializes subjects for demands of military employment (values, beliefs, norms reengineered/unlearn & relearn; 2018 army considered lengthening training so new Soldiers would be better indoctrinated into Army culture and values, physical fit, technically and tactically more proficient b/c they wanted soldiers to be ready to deploy on day one
 - c. Navy seal training program has 3 weeks of INDOC that introduces candidates to the Naval Special Warfare center and the seal lifestyle; Army ranger has an indoctrination program called (RIP-Ranger indoctrination program). That consists of training and continuous preparation for service in the regiment. It's important that you learn operational procedures, equipment, and standards of the Regiment prior to assignment
4. God is not controlling with Him it's voluntary – That's why it's all more important that we be hungry

- II. You come into the Kingdom of God with the wrong way of thinking wrong and ignorant of spiritual things

A. The way that you think is wrong so your mind has to be renewed – You have to be mentally remade

1. Eph4:17-23-You come in thinking wrong and so you have to be renewed in the spirit of your mind
 - a. 17-18-You come in with vanity of mind (devoid of truth), a darkened understanding, and ignorant-Pr2:6
 - b. 22-Put off the former conversation (manner of life, conduct, behavior, way of operating) – You're a soldier now
 - c. 23-You do that by being renewed in the spirit of your mind-23-PH-Mentally remade; NIRV-Made new in your thinking
2. Rm12:2-Wrong thinking must be identified, removed and replaced with right thinking, changing the way you think
3. Soldiers don't think like civilians and good soldiers of Jesus don't think like carnal Christians

B. You lack general knowledge of spiritual things/spiritual law you have to be instructed to remove the ignorance

1. 1Cor12:1-There's spiritual law, a way spiritual things work and you can be saved and flat ignorant about these things
 - a. 1Cor15:34-AMP-For some of you have not the knowledge of God [you are utterly and willfully and disgracefully ignorant and continue to be so lacking the sense of God's presence and all true knowledge of Him.]
2. 1Cor12:1, 2Cor2:11, 2Pt1:5-God doesn't want you ignorant
 - a. Gifts was added – He starts with gifts of the spirit, but then talks about the body, ministry gifts, love, prophesy
 - b. Hosea 4:6-Ignorance is very costly and that's why God was so adamant in proverbs about you getting knowledge

III. We have to change the way you think and equip you with knowledge of spiritual things otherwise you will not be able to function effectively as a soldier in God's army; This can happen no other way but by exposure to the Word of God

A. Pr2:6,2Tim3:15-Knowledge of spiritual things/spiritual law comes from God

1. If you haven't spent anytime in this Word, then how much do you know and how wise are you in these things?
2. You can be educated in the world and be completely ignorant when it comes to spiritual things
3. 2Tim3:16-17-The reality is a lot of Christians are saved and ignorant of spiritual things and not nothing beyond (Be nice and pray when you're in trouble) and it's because lack of exposure to the Word of God

B. Ps33:4-There's no such thing as right thinking apart from the Word of God

1. How right you think is directly connected to your level of exposure to this book and willingness to conform to it

C. We go through this process of this is what the Word says about this, this is what the Word says about that

1. Culture Shock-Disorientation experienced by being subjected to an unfamiliar culture, way of life or attitudes
2. EX: Rom4:17, Rom8:14, Mk11:23, Luke6:38, Mk11:25, Mal3:10, 2Co10:5

IV. Good soldiers are good students first b/c they know wrong thinking or a lack of knowledge hinders their usefulness

A. Rm15:14-There's no such thing as a dumb good soldier – You got to know something to be able to do something

1. *AMP-Filled with all spiritual knowledge and competent to admonish and counsel and instruct one another; DLNT-Having been filled with all knowledge, being able also to admonish one another*
2. Dan11:32, Pr24:5-I can't do beyond my strength and I can't be strong beyond my knowledge

B. Pr23:7-There's no such thing as a good soldier with a bad mindset

1. A good soldier recognizes the need for a right mindset to be effective as a soldier

C. A good soldier recognizes his need to be ever exposed to instruction that is adjusting his mindset and causing him to grow in knowledge – I got to think right and I got to know something

1. You got to become a student and stay a student and apply yourself; *Pr23:12-CEV-Listen to instruction and do your best to learn; ER-Listen to your teacher and learn all you can; VO-Develop a disciplined life. Be attentive so you can be well informed*
 - a. You got to go to class, show up for training, come and hear your instructor – Many believers don't
 - b. The level of what you know is greatly connected to the level of teaching you've been exposed to
2. 2Pet3:18,Col1:10-Knowledge is something you are ever growing in and your mind is constantly being renewed
 - a. *2Pet3:18-CJ-Keep growing in the grace and knowledge (general intelligence, deeper knowledge) of our Lord; Col1:10-Increasing in the knowledge (precise/correct knowledge, knowledge of things divine) AM-Steadily growing in the knowledge of God; PH-That your knowledge of God may grow yet deeper; MSG-Learn more how God works*
3. 1Cor8:2-Many think they know so much and if you think like this, it shows just how ignorant you are
 - a. Js4:6,Ps25:9-Pride is a great hindrance in this area; It'll get you resisted and keep you dumb

D. Heb2:1-One of the most important things in your life is consistent exposure to this Word and even extreme exposure and the reason why is this world is always trying to suck you into it and anyone can get sucked back into it