

# CASTING DOWN WRONG THOUGHTS

Look & Die

## I. Many are not aware of what's on the line when it comes to their thought life and particularly what they think on

A. Many are unaware that to yield your mind to the enemy will cost you your life-Pr7:10-There met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart. <sup>11</sup> She is loud and **stubborn** (constant); her feet abide not in her house: <sup>12</sup> Now is she without, now in the streets and lieth in wait at every corner. <sup>13</sup> So she **caught** (fasten upon) him, and kissed him, and with an **impudent** (resolute-determined) face said unto him, <sup>14</sup> I have peace offerings with me; this day have I payed my vows. <sup>15</sup> Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy **face** (turning of face, regard-look towards), and I have found thee. <sup>16</sup> I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved works, with fine linen of Egypt. <sup>17</sup> I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. <sup>18</sup> Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves. <sup>19</sup> For the goodman is not at home, he is gone a long journey: <sup>20</sup> He hath taken a bag of money with him, and will come home at the day appointed.<sup>21</sup> With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she **forced** (mislead, push off) him. <sup>22</sup> He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks; <sup>23</sup> Till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life. <sup>24</sup> **Hearken** (hear, consider) unto me now therefore, O ye children, and **attend** (give heed, pay attention) to the words of my mouth. <sup>25</sup> Let not your heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths

1. She's sought his face-She wants him to look towards her, think on her, to think on what she's saying and the biggest threat to her operation is for him to be unwilling to listen to what she is saying-**Pr7:7**-Beheld among the **simple** (open-minded, willing to listen/consider) ones...a young man void of understanding
2. The enemy wants you to look towards him, to look his direction, to mind what he is telling you-The biggest threat to his operation is for you to be unwilling to listen to what he's saying
3. He was unaware that entertaining (thinking on) what she was saying would cost him his life-His destruction began with what he thought on not with him following her; Eve was unaware that considering the tree would cost her, her life-It began with what she thought on not with what she ate

B. What you think on is a matter of life or death-Rm8:6-To be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace (Carnal-Human nature apart from divine influence; Minded-What one has in his mind; Death-Deadly; W1828-Destructive)

1. Carnal minded is thinking without God-It is thinking apart from divine influence or God's influence
2. There are thoughts/things you can think on that are deadly-Thinking without God is deadly
3. We must guard our minds and be ever watchful of what we are thinking on, focusing on, looking at, thinking about-The harsh reality is the majority of believers don't do this-**Pr4:23-CEB**-More than anything you guard, protect your mind

C. **K.Hagin-I Believe In Visions**-"Now I will show you how these evil spirits get ahold of people when they are allowed to," the Lord said to me. Suddenly in the vision I saw a woman. I immediately recognized her as being the former wife of a minister. I had been introduced to her and her husband on one occasion. Other than that, I didn't know either of them and I had no communication with either of them in any way. I only knew that she had since left her husband. --- "This woman was a child of Mine," the Lord said. "She was in the ministry with her husband. She was filled with the Spirit, and the gifts of the Spirit were operating in her life. One day an evil spirit came to her and whispered in her ear, 'You are a beautiful woman. You could have had fame, popularity, and wealth, but you have been cheated in life by following in the Christian walk.' The woman realized that this was an evil spirit and she said, 'Get thee behind me, Satan.' The spirit left her for a period. --- "By and by the same evil spirit returned. He sat on her shoulder and whispered in her ear, 'You are a beautiful woman, but you have been robbed by taking this lowly walk of Christianity and living a separated life.' Again, she recognized this as Satan and said, 'Satan, I resist you in the Name of Jesus,' and he left her for a while. --- "But he came back again and sat on her shoulder, whispering the same things in her ear. This time she began to entertain these thoughts, for she liked to think she was beautiful. As she began to think along the lines the devil suggested to her, she became obsessed with that thinking." --- Then in the vision I saw the woman become as transparent as glass, and I saw a black dot in her mind. "That dot represents the fact that she is obsessed in her thinking with this evil spirit," the Lord said. "At first, she was oppressed on the outside, but as she allowed the devil's suggestion to take ahold of her thoughts, her mind became obsessed. She wanted to think, 'I am a beautiful woman. I could have wealth and popularity, but I have been robbed in life.' Still, it wasn't too late. She could have resisted; she could have refused to think those thoughts. Then the evil spirit would have fled from her, and she would have remained free. But she chose otherwise. --- "Finally she left her husband and went out into the world, seeking the fame and wealth which the devil offered. She took up with one man after another. After a time that thing got down into her spirit." In the vision I saw the black dot move from her head to her heart, and then the woman said, "I don't want the Lord anymore. Just leave me alone." I said, "Lord, why are You showing this to me? Do You want me to pray for this woman? Do You want me to cast the devil out of her?" "No, I don't want you to pray and cast the devil out of her," the Lord answered, "Because you couldn't anyway. She wants that evil spirit, and as long as she wants it, she can have it." "Then why did You show this to me, Lord?" "I have shown this to you for two reasons: first, so you could see how an evil spirit will get ahold of a person, even a child of God, if they will let him.

**II. There are certain things that if you think on them you'll be defeated, you'll lose, you'll be overtaken – Look & Die-  
Gn19:17-Look not behind you...26 But his wife looked back from behind him and she became a pillar of salt**

**A. Thinking on the wrong things weakens your spirit-It breaks you down on the inside**

1. What you think on affects the strength of your spirit-**Lm3:51**-Mine eye affects mine heart; **Lm3:19-CEV**-Just thinking of my troubles and my lonely wandering makes me miserable. 20 That's all I ever think about, and I am depressed; **Mt6:22**-The light of the body is the eye; if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness (great trouble, distress)
2. When you strong inside you have a joy and a peace about you-If joy and peace are low you're busted up inside-**Neh8:10**-The joy of the Lord is my strength; **Ps6:2**-Have mercy upon me, O Lord; for I am weak 3 My soul is vexed...6 I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with tears; **Ph4:11**-For I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content 13 I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me
3. Your spirit being strong is a big key to overcoming life's battles-**Pr18:14-KJ**-The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear? **MSG**-A healthy spirit conquers adversity, but what can you do when the spirit is crushed?
  - a. You fight spiritual battles (believe, speak, choose) from the inside-If you're weak inside you don't stand a chance
  - b. You have to be strong to stand against the devil-**Ep6:10**-Be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might...that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil

**B. To yield your mind to the enemy is a death move-It leaves you in a position spiritually from which you cannot be successful**

1. Thinking on the wrong things is how you lose-There are certain things you cannot think on if you want to win
2. We have been entirely too loose with our minds-Don't **let** your heart (mind) turn to her ways-**Pr7:24-25-CEV**-Don't even think about that kind of woman; **DRA**-Let not thy mind be drawn away in her ways; **TL**-Don't let yourself think about her

**III. The reason for the enemy's persistence is the value of the prize – If he gets your “think on” you are done**