

Mind Control **Romans 7:21-25**

Heard of brainwashing - concerted effort on the part of one person or group to gain control of the thinking of another.

Advertising influences mind to accept a product, service, candidate, etc.

Satan wants control of our minds. **Romans 7:23-25**

Mind found number of times in NT, from several words. Most often:

Nous (noun) = "the seat of reflective consciousness, comprising the faculties of perception and understanding, and those of feeling, judging, and determining." [Vines]

Phroneo [verb] = "...implies moral interest or reflection, not mere unreasoning opinion." [Vines]

The Mind Must Be Open To Receive Truth

Disciples' minds opened that they might understand - **Luke 24:45**

Because of closed minds, Gentiles were "given up" to a reprobate mind - **Romans 1:28**

Christians should not walk in the vanity of the mind - **Ephesians 4:17**

Perverse [misleading] arguments come from men of corrupt minds - **1Timothy 6:5; 2Timothy 3:8**

Some have a defiled mind and conscience - **Titus 1:15**

The Mind Must Be Set To Reject Every False Way

False doctrine must not shake our minds - **2Thessalonians 2:2**

Paul was appointed by Christ for the defense of the gospel - **Philippians 1:16**

Was determined to defend truth. & was persecuted for that defense.

Our reward comes only if we are not moved from hope of gospel - **Colossians 1:21-23**

Some are possessed of a fleshly mind - **Colossians 2:18**

Must reject a course of life contrary to right principles.

Not conformed to the world. **2Corinthians 6:14-7:1; Romans 12:2**

Daniel - purposed not to defile himself - **Daniel 1:8**

Must abhor that which is evil, cleave to good - **Romans 12:9**

We must focus on spiritual things. Requires a transformation - **Romans 12:2**

Should dwell on wholesome things - **Philippians 4:8**

Must Not Be High-Minded

May put a high value on self, money, education, controversy,

Not to over-estimate ourselves - **Romans 12:3**

Mind not high things - **Romans 12:16**

Our Minds Must Be Attuned To Peace, Not Discord

Romans urged to follow things which make for peace, in order to edify - **Romans 14:19**

Paul called upon the Corinthians to speak the same things - **1Corinthians 1:10**

Philippians is a book which emphasizes peace - **Philippians 1:27; 2:2-3,14-15; 3:16-17; 4:2**

Get Control!

You may detest the thought that another wants to control your mind.

That is what Satan desires, for by doing so, he controls you and thereby your destiny.

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