

Your Mind Matters!

Discussion Questions

The Enemy of the Mind

1. Why does the believer in Christ still struggle with sin? How is it different now that he or she is a believer? (Rom. 7:23, 25; pp 3, 4)
2. Why is Satan often successful in deceiving Christians? (Rev. 12:9; Eph. 6:11; 2 Cor. 2:11; p 5) What is his goal? (1 Pet. 5:8) What different methods does he use? (pp 5-7)
3. How does the assurance of salvation help us in resisting Satan? (Eph. 6:17; Jas. 4:7; p 8)
4. How can our being *filled with the Spirit* help us in deterring Satan's strategies? (Jn. 16:13; Gal. 5:16, 17; Rom. 8:13)
5. What part does the Word of God have in renewing our minds? (Jn. 15:3; Rom. 12:2; pp 9-11) What does that involve? (Ps. 1:2, 3; 119:9, 11; 2 Tim. 2:15)
6. What does it mean to be *captivated by Christ*? (2 Cor. 10:3-5; p 12)
7. Describe the relationship of obedience and having joy and purpose in our lives. (Jn. 15:10, 11)

A Heavenly Mind

1. Why should we seek "those things which are above"? What is involved in doing that? (Col. 3:1-3; pp 15-17)
2. How does Satan entice and lure us into focusing on the things of the world? (pp 8, 19)
3. Define covetousness. (p 21) Why did Jesus say we should beware of it? (Lk. 12:15; p 21)
4. What lessons can be learned from the story Jesus told about the rich fool? (Lk. 12:19, 20; p 22)
5. What is the key to setting goals in our lives? What four things can we do to achieve these goals? (Col. 3:1, 2; pp 23-25)
6. What questions might we ask ourselves before we buy anything or find ourselves longing for material possessions? (pp 24, 25)
7. Discuss priorities in your life. How can you guard against pursuing the wrong goals?