



The Heart And Mind At Arms

*Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh,
arm yourselves likewise with the same mind:
for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;
That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men,
but to the will of God.
(1Pe 4:1-2)*

Grace and peace to all of my readers and may God's shine his light of love, peace praise and blessings upon all of you here - rich or poor, black or white, new in the faith or old, man or woman - May God **richly** bless each of you in these must difficult, yet interesting times!

Today, we are going to talk for a moment about one of the key targets of the devil. There are two really and they are closely linked. Your mind and your faith. Today we are going to talk about about steeling your mind in the faith of Jesus Christ for the trials and ordeals that lay ahead for the real Church in the west. A tough road lies ahead for us. It is important that we steel our minds accordingly and have it firmly grounded in God's word and allow our footsteps to be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Brothers, the target of the devil being our minds, means that this is where we will have to do the most battle, making sure we are not being misled, deceived, seduced, or otherwise misguided by the spirit of this age. This includes being fooled by pastors, prophets, priests and other pseudo Christian leaders who are in the pay of and service of the devil.

When Pope Francis stood before the world at the UN, his energy was, once again, spent on defending the environment. In his nearly 50-minute speech, only once did Francis make reference to persecuted Christians -- and their sufferings were merged in the same sentence with the supposedly equal sufferings of "members of the majority religion," that is, Sunni Muslims. Sunnis are not being slaughtered, beheaded, and raped for their faith; are not having their mosques bombed and burned; are not being jailed or killed for apostasy, blasphemy, or proselytization. - [Gatestone Institute](#)

Our minds are key and the deceiver [knows how to seduce well meaning Christians](#) in to his service. What we think and believe and how we walk in Christ are key. Many will **say** they walk with Christ, they will make long speeches, wear the robes of Churchly office, but are they really part of God's spiritual family - born again into the Kingdom of Heaven? Their fruit will tell us all we need to know.

Where can we go to look for some passages that deal with the mind and mindset? Well, one place is the book of Philippians. Here are the places in that one book the word 'mind' appears.

*Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ:
that whether I come and see you, or else be absent,
I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit,
with **one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel**;
(Phi 1:27)*

*Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love,
being of one accord, of **one mind**.
(Phi 2:2)*

*Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory;
but in **lowliness of mind** let each esteem other better than themselves.
(Phi 2:3)*

*Let this **mind be in you**, which was also in Christ Jesus:
(Phi 2:5)*

*Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule,
let us mind the same thing.
(Phi 3:16)*

*Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame,
who mind earthly things.)
(Phi 3:19)*

*I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche,
that they be of **the same mind in the Lord**.
(Phi 4:2)*

For a short book, the theme on the mind seems to be a prominent one, particularly for spiritual harmony in the Church. We must all frame our lives according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ - not some made-up feel good doctrines that the devil thrusts in our faces, but the whole counsel of God. This is the only way we can as a Church please the Lord. Paul was laying out to the Philippians just what true religion meant in Christ.

Albert Barnes lays this out here.

If people live as "becometh the gospel," they live well. Their lives are honest and honorable; they are people of truth and uprightness; they will have no sources of regret when they die, and they will not give occasion to their friends to hang their heads with shame in the remembrance of them. No man on a dying bed ever yet regretted that he had framed his life by the rules of the gospel, or felt that his conduct had been conformed too much to it. - Barnes

We as Christians have a hard walk. It was hard in the times of Paul and Peter, it is in many ways much harder now. Why? Because satan has honed his skills and infiltrating the Church and undermining its key foundations, namely the simplicity of the Gospel message. He has had two thousand years of practice and he knows the weak spots, he knows how to get in and what levers to pull to get a Church and its leaders to move to error. Need evidence of his skill? Look at [Western Christendom!](#)

Be assured that satan has a detailed 'assessment' of you and your personal psychological makeup. He knows your weaknesses and your strengths, he knows how to get you down and where to work to get you to fall. All of this work takes place primarily in the mind. Temptations, regrets, voices from the past, lust, romance, hangups... the devil has a massive toolbox and he has had practice with every single one of them. You and I do not. We must learn to fight the devil and his wiles in our own personal lives, or as Paul so adeptly put it, also in the same epistle to the Philippians, [to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling](#). Yes, this is essential in order to become victorious Christians in our times.

Also as we note in the passages above that Paul wanted to see the Church come to the same mind. I think it meet to make plain that this unity must never come at the expense of key doctrines of the faith. We are to come to a unity of mind in THE faith, not 'a faith' or just some vague notion of any faith.

I wanted to post this short piece on our minds that we may guard them from the many assaults that are now *and shall be* upon them. These assaults may not always be evil, but they are real just the same and modern Media (TV/Cable/Movies) are key inroads that the world uses to mold what I will call here 'New Satanic Thinking' (NST).

This kind of thinking sounds so rational and reasonable but at its root are Anti-Christianity. A mature and spirit filled Christian can see these things - usually just after a few moments of watching a modern TV show. This assault on your mind is most effective when you do not think it is happening. When

your conscious mind kind of goes into a semi-slumber as the images and ideas on the screen and sounds coming out of the speakers are paraded before you as you laugh, cry and otherwise react emotionally to the moving images.

The world's morality is not the morality of Christ. We as Christians are to have a different mindset, one that is divorced from this present evil age.

As an aside, many of you may still have cable TV. But you know what? I was surprised to see that one Newspaper that is [essentially Hollywood's mouthpiece begin to tout the virtues of cord cutting](#). This story is also [quite interesting](#). While these links may seem off spiritual topic, I don't think they are. American Christians are feeding tens of billions of dollars a year into an industry that is demonstrably anti-Christ and morally degenerate. Now is the time for those of you [who have cable](#) and are paying a lot of money for it to consider alternatives. I cut the cord back in February of 2010. I never looked back (well, I do miss TCM!). Truth be told the Lord was speaking to me about it some time before. I would channel surf and see too much evil from channel to channel and popping that check every month just did not seem right when I saw how much others were in need.

My point is this - the TV is a window into your mind and as long as you let the devil into it with these medium, you are vulnerable. Beware brothers, I am of the honest opinion that modern TV and Media pose one the greatest unspoken dangers to the Church. No one wants to deal honestly with the power of the Media over our culture from the Pulpit because those in the Pulpit are far too often 'Cable addicts' too.

I would exhort all of you to get before God about that cable bill. Seek out alternatives and use the money and bounty God has given you to more constructive ends than funding the [Homosexual agenda](#).

Keep your mind and hearts brothers

*Keep thy heart with all diligence;
for out of it are the issues of life.
(Pro 4:23)*

This keeping according to the wise man was to be with **all** diligence - one needs to keep ones full attention on this. Why? Because it can be deceitful and even treacherous. Here is how the Prophet Jeremiah put this theme.

*The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked:
who can know it?
I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins,
even to give every man according to his ways,
and according to the fruit of his doings.*

(Jer 17:9-10)

Brothers, we have seen the homosexual assault, the Health Care assault (now Christians must subsidize abortion), soon we will see a far more dangerous assault - the Islamic assault and the assault on our ability buy and sell. **These assaults are coming** and for many who are not rooted and grounded in the word of God, they will slip, stumble and [fall away](#). Brothers, many, many MANY are going to do this. This is why I give all of you here fair warning so that you may steel your souls and minds against an assault that will claim many of your Church going friends, family members, kids and even some Pastors.

Our job is to keep our own souls and keep our minds and hearts focused on Jesus Christ and the gospel of salvation that is in him and him alone.

Spiritual Minefields

These times when we really need to think like a soldier on a battlefield. We should look at how a soldier survives in battle, how an sergeant or an officer leads his men in a dangerous situation and begin operate more and more along those lines, in these times. I use these terms and similitude only as a way to analogize the mindset for true Christians in these times, for Christ has called us to peace, not to commit acts of violence of any kind. We must fight a good fight of faith and than can only be done when one has a mindset that knows that in war our enemies are determined neutralize our power and then to kill us. But this mindset, especially in these times is essential for victory. You must survey the spiritual territory, remove enemy troops (bad, ungodly relationships) from your vicinity - deny the enemy critical intelligence on your activities, (closed mouth, open ears and in our times **jealously guard your privacy**) for the enemy today gathers his intelligence with **no effort at all** on slumbering Christians.

For the slumbering Church, this is not possible - for to wake them up would be a major task in and of itself. But for we who are awake and can see the bright flash of cannon in the distance in the night sky and can hear the distant rumble of artillery fire get closer and closer, we know that we must be ready for serious spiritual battle in the years ahead. While many are focusing on the rise of Islam in the US, the degradation of our school system, the poor choices we have for President and the other hot topics of the day - what I see as a major threat to Christians is something wholly different and something you will not hear much about.

*How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread,
that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?
Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread,
but of the **doctrine** of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.*

(Mat 16:11-12)

Christ here was warning his disciples of a key danger in his time. It was the religious establishment that had the blessing of the state. Not the Jewish state per se, but the Pagan, Roman state, which ruled

Jerusalem and Palestine at the time. This establishment had become spiritually corrupt. What Christ was warning them about was the falsehoods and spiritual poison that they were teaching. Leaven in those days was used as a word to describe corruption. Their doctrines were corrupt and as such were incapable of saving souls, but were capable of keeping them, the religious establishment in a privileged place within the Roman province of Palestine.

Christ had little good to say about religion, especially as it was practiced in his own time. I don't think he would be at all pleased about what is going on today. When Christ first began his holy diatribe against the religious order of his time (Matt 23:13ff) the first thing he notes is that not only are they hypocrites but that by their very teachings they shut up the way to the Kingdom of God to those who would seek it.

*But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!
for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men:
**for ye neither go in yourselves,
neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.**
(Mat 23:13)*

Religion is often more of a stumbling block to entry into God's kingdom than it is a pathway into it. It can very often be like a road sign that says, 'To life, turn right' when in reality the destination is death. It is a road sign that 'enemy troops' placed in our path in order to deceive us into a spiritual ambush. Using this analogy we must learn to look at a great many Churches in the west as being of those false road sign variety. Paul laid out the mentality of these kinds of Churchmen who would permeate the world especially in the last days.

*This know also, that in the **last days** perilous times shall come.
For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters,
proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent,
fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded,
lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;
Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof:
from such turn away.
(2Ti 3:1-5)*

What better description of our world today and the large sections of the Church, particularly in the west being very much included. I do **not** say this to denigrate the many hard working pastors who have really tried to bring solid teaching to their flocks and have *not* departed from the basic tenets of the Christian faith. No, these men are in a thankless job and are often reviled and attacked by the modern day Pharisees (wealthy politically connected religious establishment) of our time. Many look upon the the Pharisees of Christ's time as being just ordinary religious rabble rouses. But what is often misunderstood in popular misconceptions is that the the scribes and Pharisee's were the Pope's,

Cardinals, Televangelists of Jesus' time. They were the established religion. Christ's work and preaching exposed them for what they were - strutting, greedy hypocrites who had *never* known God, but had found a comfortable vocation that gave them a position in society and made many rich. They were in short, not serving God, but were in the very lucrative 'religion business'. **They were busy making people feel good while sending them to Hell.** That is all any false religion and religious system can do for you. It can make you feel wonderful on your way to damnation. This is what Christ was saying in the verse above. Not only would these false ministers not get into the Kingdom, they are blocking up the way to others who would want to. They are like demonic barricades of deception, leading people into a place they think will bring them to God but instead will fill them with spiritual poison.

I do not use the word demonic lightly. Again, Christ called them children of hell.

*Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!
for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made,
ye make him twofold more the **child of hell** than yourselves.
(Mat 23:15)*

This is why we as Christians need to be especially careful about any religious establishment that has official sanction of the state. We are to be set apart from this world and this is, I think what history has taught us. That the only way to keep the doctrines of the faith pure and unspotted from a lost world is to maintain a very great divide of separation from the world - its political and economic systems, its greed, and its lies. Not in some kind of arrogance or thinking we possess some kind of spiritual superiority, but to keep ourselves from being polluted and seduced by this world and its prince.

Brothers, I am genuinely concerned about the staying power of younger Christians in the western world. I am not blaming the young people, many of whom are not completely pleased with the world as it is and some have decided that the materialism and narcissism of their parents generation, is not for them. So they reject it and begin looking for spiritual and existential meaning. But what are they getting when they come to a large mega-church today? Are they getting the whole counsel of God? Is the Church preparing them for a life of discipleship, or merely promising them a 'miracle'; a spiritual Genie to the gates of American materialism?

I shudder to think about what is happening in many of the West's Churches. But the good news is that in places where materialism and lust do not hold total sway over the people, there is real hunger for God and Churches that are so vibrant, the devil has to send in his Islamic armies to kill them. Think Boko Haram, ISIS and Al Shabbab.

We as Christians must learn a lesson from the saints of old. God is looking for people he can use and if you are willing, and will yield to him, will **truly count the cost** and walk with courage and faith in the word and spirit of God you will be victorious. This is the **only way** to avoid the spiritual minefields of

our time. In times of persecution, we have real protection but at times, God calls us to suffer for his names sake. We must endure and know that the hatred that this world and its people increasingly have for Christians is exactly how Christ said it would be. We should not be shocked nor surprised.

*And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake:
but **he that endureth to the end shall be saved.***

(Mat 10:22)

Know this brothers, in this battle, the end has already been declared. We win IF and only if we endure to the end. I am not intimidated by the Islamic State, the New World Order, the CIA's assassins, the DOD's illegal domestic programs, the elites' clandestine illegal negro and christian elimination programs. **I am not intimidated** by the TPP, NAFTA, Agenda 21 or China's anti-Christian crusade or the secret plans Hillary has for Christians and Blacks or [Donald Trumps](#) plan for Blacks and Muslims. I know my God and in whom I have believed and know the end of those who have lined up with the devil against the Lord of hosts. **I am not afraid.** Here are [five truths to remember in these times about the Kingdom of God.](#)

Brothers we are entering into a period of intense spiritual (and ideological) battle. I see a time when anyone who holds to the fundamental truths of the faith of Jesus Christ as revealed in the Bible will be persecuted and I speak mostly about the western world as **these things are already happening** in Africa, the Middle East and Asia. I think the [recent diatribe](#) by one of the 'captured' religious leaders of our day make plain that our elite view the FUNDAMENTAL truths of Jesus Christ as a threat to be dealt with. Their solution appears to be men like Pope Francis and probably another Pope and other Protestant religious leader they can force on the Church using Blackmail and murder on the Cardinals who vote for him. Again, this is another high explosive mine in the field of the world. It can not just explode and kill the guy who stepped on it, but kill a great many in a wide perimeter around it. Religious leaders who take orders from organizations whose hands are drenched in the blood of the very poor man they claim to love so much is a very serious problem today. Such men are deceivers.

No brothers, the devil is very busy doing what he did in the days of the Pharisees. That being creating a network of false religious systems to sow confusion and doubt in the minds of those who would come to the truth. This is why these are such spiritually perilous times - the way and the road to the truth and salvation are constantly being blocked up by satan's ministers who appear as angels of light but whose souls are as dark as the inner recesses of hades.

*For such are false apostles, deceitful workers,
transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.*

And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

*Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed
as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.*

(2Co 11:13-15)

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