

SATAN

Our Adversary

THESIS:

Where did he come from?

Who is He? What Power?

Why is He here?

Tonight: 5:00 PM

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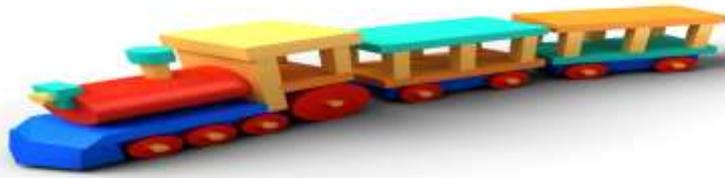
GREATNESS

PURSUE GREAT THOUGHTS!

Proverbs 23:7

Solomon: “As a man
thinks in his heart, so is
he.”

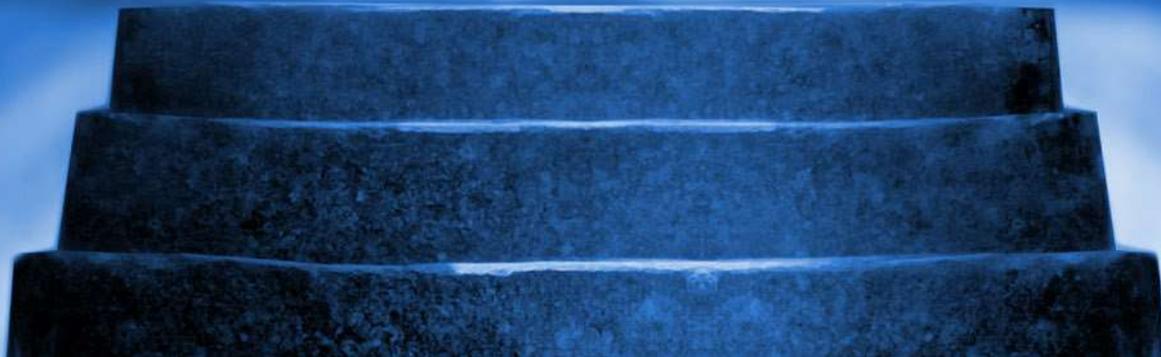
LIFE AT WORK



*The battle for our soul
is waged in the mind.*

Thoughts are the **root of sin**

- The reason why people do things they should not is that they **think things they should not.**



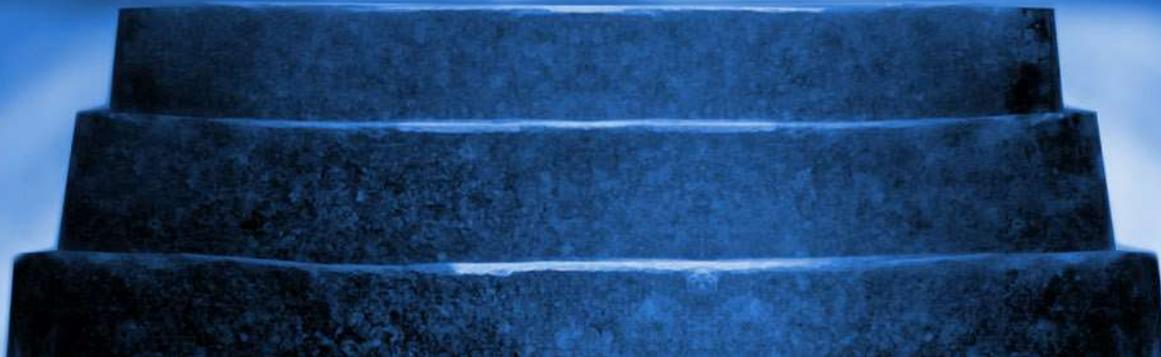
To defeat Satan we must . . .

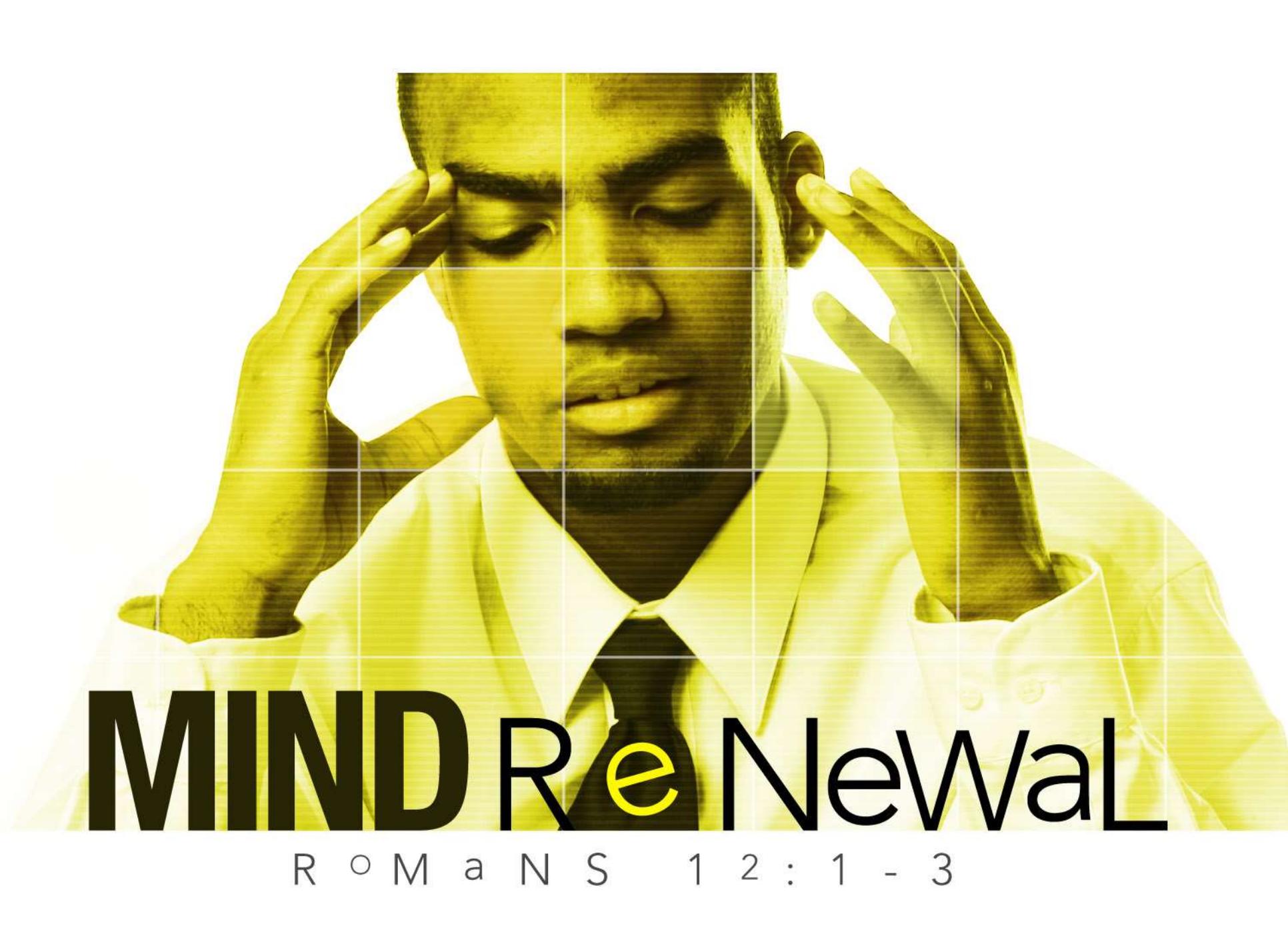
2 Cor 10:5 “Cast down imagination, and every high thing (strong hold) that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.” KJV

Imagination will trump will-power!

We must **THINK ABOUT OUR THINKING!**

- Rm 12:2 “Be not conformed to this world but be ye **transformed..**”
- “By the renewing of your mind.”





MIND ReNewal

R O M a N S 1 2 : 1 - 3

Welcome from the Kirkland church family!

“Born to belong to each other”

September 8, 2013



Phil 4:8 is the Key

8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, **dwell on these things.**

How a Christian ought to view life

- **True** – *Objectively* true/factual
- **Honorable** – have *merit, worthy*.
- **Right** – Justice/righteousness.
- **Pure** – Holy, undefiled, spiritual vs carnal. *Genuine*.

How a Christian ought to view life

- **Lovely** – as God *is* love!
- **Good repute** – *admirable, gracious, results in* fair speaking.
- **Excellence** – moral virtue
- **Worthy of praise**– as God is worthy!

All are found in God!

Should be found in His people

CHOICES



How it Practically works

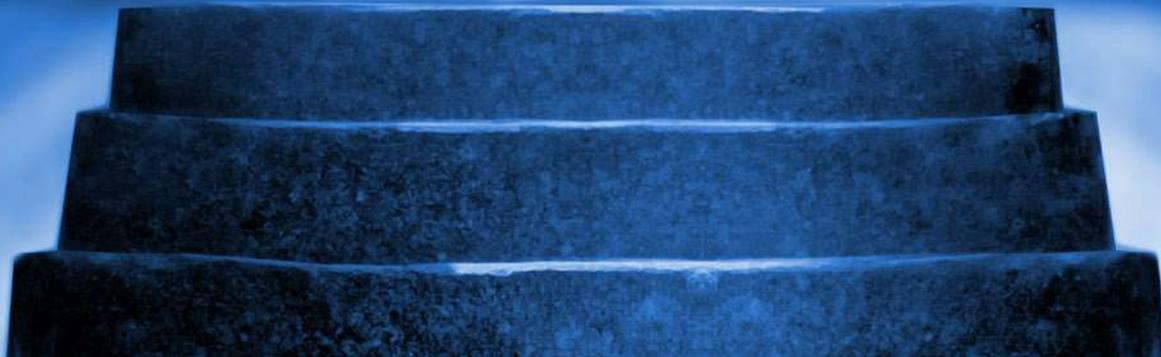
The Love Dare – Day 7

- Every marriage has two rooms—
 - ***Appreciation room***: Positive traits!
 - Enjoy visiting!
 - When you think... *feelings increase*
 - Positives about in the initial stages of a relationship.

How it Practically works

The Love Dare – Day 7

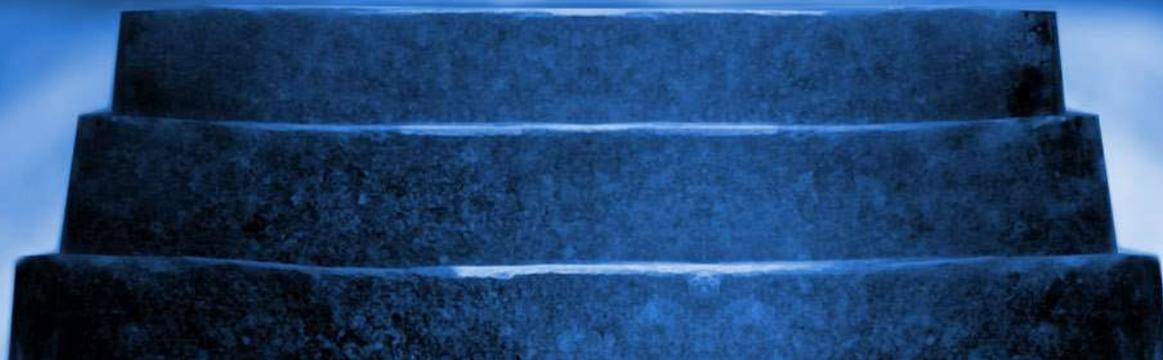
- Every marriage has two rooms—
 - ***Depreciation room***: Negative traits!
 - Visit often but it only makes things worse!
 - When you think...feelings decrease!
 - Kills marriages, passion, and love



The Love Dare – Day 7

“Love *believes* all things.”

- Stop? These things are TRUE!
 - So are the positive traits!
 - Don't forget we all have all sinned.
- Love knows about the Depreciation Room, but chooses not to live there.
- It is a room that is “covered in love.”
I Peter 4:8 and gives prayers direction!



How can we renew our minds?

33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! 34 For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR? 36 For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

Think great thoughts about God

Romans 11:33-36

How can we renew our minds?

7 "The LORD your God is in your midst,
He will exult over you with joy,
He will be quiet in His love,
He will **rejoice over you with shouts of joy!**

Think high thoughts about ourselves!

Zeph 3:17

How can we renew our minds?

"Do not look at his **appearance** or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for **God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.**" NASU

Think great thoughts about others

1 Sam 16:7

How can we renew our minds?

24 "For whoever wishes to **save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it. "For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself?"**

Think great thoughts about life

Luke 9:23ff

How can we renew our minds?

11 'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for peace and not for calamity; I want to give you a **future and a hope!** NASU

Think great thoughts about the future!

Jeremiah 29:11

How can we renew our minds?

13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but this one thing I do: **forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,** 14 I press on toward the **goal for the prize** of the **high call** of God in Christ Jesus.

Think great thoughts about the past

Phil 3:13-14

How can we renew our minds?

**“This is the day that
the Lord hath made,
we will rejoice and
be glad in it!”**

Think great thoughts about today

Ps 118:24

How can we renew our minds?

2 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various **trials**, 3 knowing that the **testing of your faith produces endurance**. 4 And let endurance have its **perfect result**, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

Think great thoughts about our challenges.

James 1:2-4

How can we renew our minds?

“Let there be no division in the body, but let the members have the same care for one another. 26 And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.” NASU

Think great thoughts about God's church.

I Cor 12: 25-26

How do I deal with the negativity?

- **Must start by conforming our thoughts to God's thoughts...**
 - Col 3:16 “Let the word of Christ dwell in you.”
 - Jn 8:32 “The truth shall set you free!”
 - Phil 4:8 “Dwell or meditate”

How do I deal with the negativity?

- Must take **Personal Responsibility**
 - II Cor 10:5 “Casting down every thought.” (**you** *individually*)
 - Rm 12:2 “Be ye transformed by the renewing of **your** mind.”

How do I deal with the negativity?

- **Consume a Healthy Mental Diet**
 - Rm 12:2 “Be ye transformed by the renewing of *your* mind.”
 - The solution is not to just curse the darkness, but turn on the light!



STEPS OF FAITH

