

## Standing For Truth

### Part 9: The Battle For Truth

#### 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

There is a WAR ON THE TRUTH today. The battlefield for truth is fought in our soul. Our soul is made up of the mind, the will and the emotions. Our soul is where we process truth. It is where we make our decisions.

**Proverbs 27:3** — “For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:”

**Luke 6:45** — “A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.”

**Proverbs 4:23-27** — “Keep thy heart with all diligence; For out of it are the issues of life. Put away from thee a froward mouth, And perverse lips put far from thee. Let thine eyes look right on, And let thine eyelids look straight before thee. Ponder the path of thy feet, And let all thy ways be established. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: Remove thy foot from evil.”

God has put in us a consciousness or awareness of His expectations.

**Jeremiah 31:33** — “But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.”

**Romans 2:14-15** — “For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and *their* thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;”

The battle for truth is a spiritual battle. Paul gives us a powerful reminder of the weapons we have at our disposal to wage this spiritual battle.

#### I. The Nature of Our Warfare (2 Corinthians 10:3)

All of us have problems, and all of our problems in the flesh have a spiritual component. **It is when we get victory in that spiritual part of the problem that we will have power over the flesh.**

- A. Our warfare is not physical, but spiritual.
  - 1. Education is not the answer.
  - 2. Legislation is not the answer.

*Illustration: "I'm standing up on the inside."*

- 3. Environment is not the answer.

*Illustration: "Complaining Monk"*

- B. Our enemies are not human, but spiritual forces.
- C. Our weapons are not of the flesh, but divinely empowered.

## **II. The Power of Our Weapons (2 Corinthians 10:4)**

- A. Our weapons have divine power to demolish strongholds.
- B. Our weapons enable us to destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God.
- C. Our weapons allow us to take every thought captive to obey Christ.

## **III. The Goal of Our Warfare (2 Corinthians 10:5)**

**Casting down imaginations** - imaginations refers to all the plans of a wicked world; the various systems of false philosophy, reasoning. The various systems of false philosophy were so entrenched that they might be called the stronghold of the enemies of God.

**And every high thing ...** - All this is opposed to the knowledge of God, and all exalts itself into a vain self-confidence.

**And bringing into captivity ...** - The figure here is evidently taken from military conquests.