

# Destroying Speculation

"We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ"  
(2 Corinthians 10:5).

In this world of conflict, chaos and confusion, your mind can work against you. Ungodly thoughts try to bombard you at every turn. Your mind can be torn apart by questions, doubts, things that try to steal your sleep, or rob you of your peace or cause you to waiver concerning God's purpose for your life.

When in prayer for today's devotion, I heard, "Many are walking in speculation." Speculation almost always contradicts the Word of God. At some point in life you will experience letdowns, disappointments or disillusionment. Sometimes darkness seems to loom on every corner. These are times when ungodly thoughts try to operate through the circumstances. Darkness tries to hide the Light in your life. However, you can't drive darkness out of a room by beating at it with a stick, you have to turn on the light!

I don't know about you, but there are some dark things going on in my life right now that make no sense (not to mention how pretty dark things look in our world). I find myself battling with speculation. Speculation is the idea or guesses about something that is not known. Since the Word of God makes things known to us, speculation is not part of godly thinking.

I believe the Lord wants to turn the light on in areas of your life to drive out those ungodly thoughts of speculation. Speculation is not walking in faith. Speculation works against the purposes of God. When things happen that you cannot explain, when you get hurt or have pain you tend to look for answers or walk in speculation.

Did you know that speculation causes us to make bad decisions with fear often being the driving force behind the bad decision?

Speculation can create a state in which things appear uncertain, foggy or jumbled. This means we can find ourselves in a place of bewilderment over a situation in which we cannot act with clarity or understanding. These are prime times when speculation (ungodly thoughts) does it's best to enter in.

In studying the Bible regarding situations, you will find strength and clarity. Living in obedience decreases your chance for ungodly thoughts to operate in your life. Keeping the Word lessens the risk of walking in speculation or being confused with life's circumstances.

Sometimes we want out of the situation so badly that we forget to walk with God's direction and walk in speculation instead. The best way to dismiss an unwelcome thought is to replace it with another, more-powerful thought. The best way to dispel darkness is to confront it with light!

“for the weapons of our warfare are not worldly but have divine power to destroy strongholds. 5 We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle to the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ” (2 Corinthians 10:4-5).

It all comes down to knowing His Word. He will always make available to you the resources to accomplish what He has commanded. But he won't do the part that you can do. Yes, it is a battle, but it is a battle that you have been given the tools with which to fight.

Romans 13:14 “But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.”

Fill your mind with God's Word and avoid speculation!!!

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