

# God says Christians are at war with Satan and it's a thought-life war

2 Cor 10:4-5 **The weapons of our warfare (that's yours and mine) are...mighty in God ...bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,**

2 Cor 2:11 **To keep Satan from getting the advantage over us (and to control our soul, AMP which is our will) for we are not ignorant (or shouldn't be) of his thoughts.**

What are some of the main thoughts that Satan uses to take us Christians captive with?

Getting offended: Mat 11:6 **Blessed is the person who is not offended...(by God's help)**

Not forgiving: 2 Cor 2:10-11 **I have forgiven...to keep Satan taking advantage of me...**

Anger: Eph 4:27 **When you are angry, you give a mighty foothold to the devil.** TLB

Worry: 2 Tim 1:7 **God has not given you a spirit of fear (or worry, no, it's from Satan)**

Reasoning: 2 Cor 10:4 **...Casting down reasoning and other high thoughts...** AMP  
Mat 16:8 (Jesus) **O you of little faith why do you reason...**

Disobedient to God: Eph 2:2 (Satan) **the spirit that now works in the disobedient:** KJV

Unbelief: 2 Cor 4:4 (Satan) **the god of this world has blinded the thoughts of those who do not believe** (what God says – especially about our thoughts). KJV

Complaining: 1 Cor 10:10 **Nor complain and (be) destroyed by the destroyer (Satan).**

Lying: Jo 8:44 **...The devil...is a liar (especially about God) and the father of lies;** AMP

The result? 2 Tim 2:26...**The devil (my will) taken captive by him (thoughts) at his will** KJV

God tells us Satan's thoughts are too strong for us, so to guard our hearts we'll need God's

Luke 11:21 (Jesus) **When a strong man (Satan) fully armed, guards his own palace...**

Ps 142:6 **Deliver me from my persecutors (demons), For they are stronger than I.**

Prov 4:23 **Above all else, guard your heart, for it affects everything you do.** NLT  
**Pay attention to what you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts.** TEV

Eph 6:11 **Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the thoughts of the devil** (if we don't we won't and we'll become his captives).

What are God's weapons/armor, which defeat Satan, and that work when we're in Christ?

God's words: Eph 6:14-17 **...Truth (God's word), righteousness (His word believed), the gospel (hearts ready to speak His word), faith (from heart hearing His word) salvation (from sin, by His implanted word), and the sword of the Spirit**

**which is the word of God** (His word we speak under the Spirit's anointing);

Mind of Christ – The Holy Spirit: 1 Pet 4:1 **Arm yourselves also with the same mind** (as Christ – so that): Jer 20:11 **Thoughts I think toward you thoughts of salvation...**  
Rom 8:16 **God's Spirit speaks to my spirit...**(communicating to me His thoughts)

Prayer Eph 6:18 **Praying always...in the Holy Spirit...**(like, pray daily, the Lord's Prayer):  
Mat 6:13 **Lead me** (by Your Spirit) **not into temptation, but deliver me from Satan**

Thanking God: Ps 8:2 **Out of our mouths...You have ordained praise so that You may silence** (the thoughts of) **our enemy** (Satan)...(giving thanks continually Heb 13:15)

Angels: Psa 91: 7-9 **Because you live in God...He's given His angels charge over you**  
Heb 1:14 **Are** (Angels) **not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister** (to impart God's thoughts) **for those who will inherit salvation?**

What will result when we're armed with God's words, Spirit, prayer, praise and angels?

Prov 16:3 **Roll your works upon the Lord, commit and trust them wholly to Him; He will cause your thoughts to become agreeable to His will, and so shall your plans** (from Him) **be established and succeed.** AMP

Ecc 9:17 **Words of the wise** (God's thoughts) **spoken quietly** (to the heart), **should be heard Rather than the shout of a ruler of fools** (Satan's thoughts, to the head).

Jam 4:7 **Therefore submit to God** (and to His thoughts). **Resist the devil** (by resisting the devil's thoughts, with God's weapons) **and the devil will flee from you.**

God tells us to be alert, in Christ, at all times because of our enemy the devil seeks those he can capture with his thoughts. We will recognize Satan's thoughts from the list above and will be enabled by God to overcome them and brush them off as we would a fly. One of Satan's names is Beelzebub which literally means lord of the flies. But if we dwell on one of his thoughts we give it strength and before long it will be too strong for us. An example of this is if we allow Satan to remind us of a wrong we suffered, even though we may have truly forgiven them, if we dwell on the reminder, very quickly we will be back in un-forgiveness and confused because we once did forgive. This is Satan's reminder trap.

Heb 10:17 **Their sins and their iniquities I will** (choose to) **remember no more** (us too)

1 Cor 13:5 **Love...does not take into account** (or think on) **a wrong suffered,** NASU

God wants to show me how to live in Him, in Christ, the secret place, so He can protect me

Ps 18:2 **The LORD is my protector; He is my strong fortress. My God is my protection, and in Him I am safe. He protects me like a shield; He...keeps me** (my will, my soul) **safe** (from Satan's thoughts of sin, self, and the world).

3 **I call on the LORD, and He saves me from my enemies. Praise the LORD!**