

# BECOMING STRONG IN THE LORD

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## THOUGHTS

Fortify your mind with the Word.  
Fix your thoughts on the Lord as  
much as possible.

**The Word** – “I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you, O Lord.” (Psa. 119:11)

**Jesus** – “Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus...” (Heb. 3:1)

“...and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” (2 Cor. 10:5b)

## CONSIDERATION

Be careful what you consider in  
your thought life. Are these the  
thoughts He wants me to have?

“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.” (Phil. 4:8)

## ATTITUDES

Our attitudes should be influenced  
by the Spirit, not by the flesh or the  
enemy.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (Gal. 5:22)

“Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. (Gal. 5:25-26)

## ACTIONS

Our actions will be determined by  
the condition of our hearts.

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.” (Lk. 10:27)

“For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. (Mt. 12:34b)

“Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.” (Mt. 7:24)

## HABITUAL PRACTICE

The more we take steps of obedience the easier it becomes to resist sinning.

“No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God’s seed remains in him; he cannot go on [practicing] sinning, because he has been born of God.” (1 John 3:9)

“- if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel.” (Col. 1:23)

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. (Hebrews 12:2-3)

## STRONG IN GOD

God uses all of our struggles to strengthen us and draw closer to Him.

“That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” (2 Corinthians 12:10)

“And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.” (1 Pet. 5:10)

“...be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.” (2 Tim 2:1)

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.” (Eph 6:10)