Mind Games Episode 2
"A Beautiful Mind"
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Romans 12:2 "Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect."

"Change the way you think"

Matthew 4:17 "From that time on Jesus began to preach, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

The word 'repent' literally means "to change your mind".

Greek language - 'metanoeō'.

Right Thinking = Changed Life.

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Three Laws of the Mind

Law #1. THE LAW OF FOCUS

The Law of Focus says this: you become whatever you think about.

Hebrews 3:1 "Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, **fix your thoughts** on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess."

Romans 8:5-9 "Those who live according to the sinful nature have their **minds set on what that nature desires**; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The **mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind is hostile to God.** It does not submit to God's law, nor **can it do so**. Those controlled by the sinful nature **cannot** please God. You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you."

It's time to start thinking about what you're thinking about!

Law #2. The Law of Substitution.

The Law of Substitution says your mind can only focus on one thing at a time.

Colossians 3:2-3: "**Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.** For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God."

Romans 12:21 "Don't let evil defeat you, but defeat evil with good."

Romans 13:14 "Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature."

1 Corinthians 2:16 "But we have the mind of Christ."

Let the mind of the Master be the master of your mind.

Philippians 4:7-8 "And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will **guard** your hearts and **your minds** in Christ Jesus. 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."

Hebrews 11:15-16 "If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country - a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them."

Law #3. The Law of Spiritual Warfare.

2 Corinthians 4:4 "The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."

2 Corinthians 11:3 "But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, <u>your minds</u> may somehow <u>be led astray</u> from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ."

The battle for your mind is not a **power encounter – it is a truth encounter.**

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 "The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."

God's grace + Your effort = Lasting Life Change

James 4:7 "Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."