



Title: Visionaries V – the battle for the mind
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****Gateway: The mind is a gateway.** There is a battle raging for the minds of people. Both God and the devil is fighting for our minds.

- **Gateway to heaven:** If we agree with God and our thoughts align with God's then heaven starts coming to earth. We begin to live in God's presence.
- **Gateway to hell:** If we agree with the devil, then depression, darkness and evil moves into our lives.

Transformed – by renewing the mind

Romans 12:2 (NKJV) ² *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

- **We must move from heaven to earth.** We must have renewed minds that view reality from God's perspective, from heaven's perspective.
- **Set minds on things above:** Col 3:1 *...seek those things which are above... set your mind on things above... / We are changed. We then step into God's presence when our minds are set on heavenly realities...*
- **Unrenewed minds?** Little use to God.

*"The only way to consistently do Kingdom works is to view reality from God's perspective. That's what the Bible means when it talks about renewing our minds. The battle is in the mind. The mind is the essential tool in bringing Kingdom reality to the problems and crisis people face. God has made it to **be the gatekeeper of the supernatural.**"* Bill Johnson

Gates of Heaven – download from heaven

Matthew 16:15–18 (NKJV) ¹⁵ *He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"* ¹⁶ *Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."* ¹⁷ *Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven."* ¹⁸ *And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.*

- Blessed are you Peter! **Your mind has become aware of heavenly truths.**
- **Discern our thoughts – what is it's source?**

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) ¹² *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

- **The Word helps us to discern our thoughts.** Where they are coming from.

Gates of hell – mindful of the things of men

Matthew 16:21–23 (NKJV) ²¹ *From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.* ²² *Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"* ²³ *But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."*

- **This shall not happen to You:** Peter had his own ideas of what should happen to Jesus, and dying is not one of them.
- **"Get behind Me, Satan!"**

- Worldliness is the precursor to full on demonic activity.
- Practical: What is the fruit or outcome of this line of thinking?

Practical – how do we deal with our thoughts

Enemy attacks primarily our identity & God's character.