

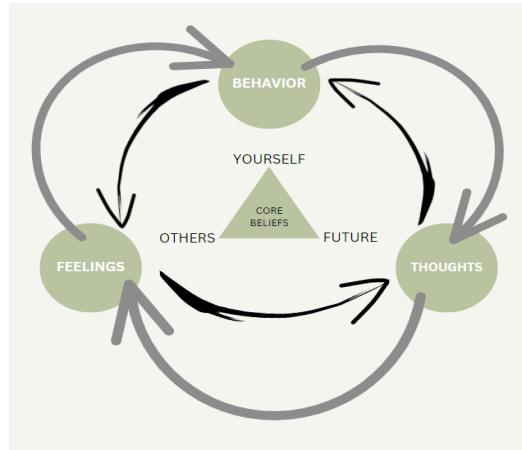
Bible Study: **If the enemy could only control your thoughts**

Text: **1 Cor. 14.20**

Big Idea: **Elevating your mind so God can elevate your life**

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Our mind plays a critical role in the outcome of life. Our mind is a powerful weapon that must not fall into the wrong hands. Hence, the importance of raising your thoughts above the traffic of trouble, the noise of life, the lies, the propaganda, and shift our focus on the God language of the Bible about you. Our thoughts shape our lives. What we think shapes who we are. Arthur Craig Groeschel says, “*Change thoughts, change direction; change your mind, change your life.*” How we think influences what we do (behavior) and how we feel (emotions) (**display graphic**).



There is scientific data that suggests that there are links between thoughts, feelings, and actions. Changing one of them can help alter your negative responses to stressful life situations. If we change our minds God can change our lives (hence the importance of thinking about the right thing Phil. 4.8; Rom. 12.2; Prov. 23.7 [as he thinks in his heart so is he]).

There is an unseen enemy that attacks your mind daily (Eph. 6.12). Satan is the enemy of mankind. His greatest trick is convincing the world that he doesn't exist. This makes it easy for him to flood our minds with chaotic thoughts and create fictional flesh fights.

His mission is to:

Steal from you, **kill** you, and **destroy** you. (John 10.10)

Stop you. (1 Thess. 2.18)

Devour you. (1 Pet. 5.8)

Deceive you. (Mark 13.22)

Accuse you. (Zech. 3.1; Rev. 12.10)

Snatch the Word from us. (Matt. 13.19)

His Strategy is to win by getting you to believe in his lies (John 8.44). We must counter his attacks by believing what God says about us. Change our minds so God can change our lives (2 Tim. 1.7; Rom. 8.15; Jn 14.27; Jer. 42.11).