

# Inspire

A word of hope, support, and encouragement

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See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ. COLOSSIANS 2:8

## Spiritually Sinking FROM WORLDLY THINKING

The apostle Paul delivers a vital truth to us that is the lifeblood of all disciples. Paul urges us to be responsible for staying alert and protecting our thinking from being taken captive by manmade ideology and empty deception (Jeremiah 2:5). We don't have the luxury to pick and choose what sounds logical or good and add it to our walk of being set apart to God's glory (Ephesians 2:10).

We are set apart by and for the righteousness and holiness of Christ, thereby glorifying God. We must guard our hearts and minds (Proverbs 4:23) by holding fast to God's Word, to remain unblemished and untainted by worldliness.

Our standard of measurement is God's Word, not the elementary principles of the world. If your thinking aligns with the world, then your thoughts, principles, and practices are influenced by Satan (1 John 5:19). This may seem harmless on the surface, but in the light of the Word of God, the deception becomes obvious. Paul says our captivity, enslavement, and servanthood should be in accordance with Christ! Jesus is the full embodiment of truth (John 14:6). Knowing the truth and choosing to live by it provides

us with the omnipotent, omnipresent, and omniscient power of protection every minute of every day.

May we be steadfast as our spirits soar in Christ, because of the sanctifying work of truth He has accomplished in our lives!

**PRAYER: Father of all creation, thank You for shepherding me and keeping me alive in You, making me useful to You through Christ and not the thinking of man. I give You praise. In Jesus' name, Amen**

Love you all!



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