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Our minds are gatekeepers

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For as he thinks within himself, so he is.

- Proverbs 23:7 NASB

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1. Be alert!

**There is currently a massive
campaign underway that is
designed to enslave you**

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Therefore, with **minds that are alert** [gird up the loins of your mind KJV] (**prepare your minds for action** NASB) and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.

- 1 Peter 1:13

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8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. **9 Resist him**, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

- 1 Peter 5:8-9

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The end of all things is near. Therefore **be alert** and **of sober mind** so that you may pray.

- 1 Peter 4:7

With this in mind, **be alert and always keep on praying** for all the Lord's people.

- 2 Peter 1:4

Devote yourselves to **prayer**, keeping **alert** in it

- Colossians 4:2 NASB

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**2. Don't conform
to this world
It's at war with God**

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Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to **keep oneself from being polluted by the world**.

- James 1:27

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15 **Do not love the world** or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. 16 For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. 17 The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

- 1 John 2:15-17

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Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to **abstain from sinful desires**, which **wage war against your soul**.

- 1 Peter 2:11

... so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped **the corruption in the world** caused by evil desires.

- 2 Peter 1:4

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14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 15 "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. **Repent** and **believe** the good news!"

- Mark 1:14-15

From that time on Jesus began to preach, "**Repent**, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

- Matthew 4:17

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3. Set your minds on things above

It's where Jesus is seated

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Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 **Set your minds on things above**, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God

- Colossians 3:1-3

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Listen to the Holy Spirit

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The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 11 For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way **no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God**. 12 What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, **so that we may understand what God has freely given us**. 13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit,

- 1 Corinthians 2:10-16

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explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. 14 The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because **they are discerned only through the Spirit**. 15 The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, 16 for, "Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But **we have the mind of Christ**.

- 1 Corinthians 2:10-16

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How precious to me are your thoughts, [**amazing are your thoughts concerning me**] God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would **outnumber the grains of sand**

- Psalm 139:17-18

Many, O Lord my God, . . . And **Your thoughts toward us**; . . . If I would declare and speak of them, They would be **too numerous to count**.

- Psalm 40:5

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