

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
SERMON NOTES  
JULY 02, 2017**

**"SERMON IN A BAG: Mind Your Mind"  
2 Corinthians 10:3-5**

*"For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. <sup>4</sup> The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. <sup>5</sup> 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."*

A. Our object for this morning is a \_\_\_\_\_

Which just like we control TV programming with a device like this, Wouldn't it be cool to have one that could control our minds and bring them into alignment with Christ's will for us. And, that brought me to our text, which affirms that we are in a...

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So why not title this "Mind Control" or something like that? Well, our title comes from some reflection on an oft-repeated phrase that my mother used throughout my childhood, "You'd better...

\_\_\_\_\_!" There were, I think two meanings to the phrase:

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

As Christ-followers, I believe that we should \_\_\_\_\_

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This is what Rev. Andy Gonzalez used to refer to as "being in my right mind."

B. And what are the things which draw us, so often, into "wrong-mindedness"?

1) Generally speaking, there are three...

a. \_\_\_\_\_ (Jo. 15:19; 1 Jo. 2:15-17)

b. \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 7:18; 13:14; Gal. 5:16f)

c. \_\_\_\_\_ (Jo. 8:44; 10:10; 1 Jo. 4:4)

2) Specifically, they are too many to catalogue. Here are a few:

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

C. What, then, are these divine weapons which the Lord provides to His own so that we can liberate our minds from our enemies and bring them under His control?

1) \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 8:15ff; 1 Cor. 2:12)

2) \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 6:10-20)

3) \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Tim. 3:16f; Heb. 4:12)

4) \_\_\_\_\_ (John 14:13f; Phil. 4:6f)

\* I close with a powerful story of how this can and does work...

**"This morning, let's commit ourselves to make use of the Divine weapons the Father has given us to bring our thoughts out of slavery to our enemies and into obedience to Christ and to live in our 'right minds' to His glory!"**

\* Our closing story was taken from: *The Broken Way*, by Ann Voskamp (Zondervan, 2016) Used with Permission.

(For further reflection: Romans 12:2; Philippians 4:8f)