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Mental Resolve for Spiritual Victory

1 Peter 4:1–2



1ST PETER

LIVING IN LIGHT
OF ETERNITY

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1 Pet. 3:18, “For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,

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Rom. 8:28, “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

Rom. 8:29, “For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Rom. 8:30, “Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.”

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πόλεμος (*polemos*), war, battle, fight, strife, conflict, quarrel; **πολεμέω** (*polemeō*), make war, fight; We get our word *polemic*, from this.

στρατεία (*strateia*), expedition, campaign;
στράτευμα (*strateuma*), army, detachment, troops;
στρατεύω / στρατεύομαι (*strateuō*), serve as a soldier; **στρατηγός** (*stratēgos*), general, chief magistrate, praetor; **στρατιά** (*stratia*), army;
στρατιώτης (*stratiōtēs*), soldier; **στρατολογέω** (*stratologeō*), gather an army, enlist soldiers;
στρατοπέδαρχης (*stratopedarchēs*), military commander, commandant of a camp; **στρατόπεδον** (*stratopedon*), camp, body of troops, army;

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ἐννοια *ennoia*,

thought, knowledge, insight; (NIDNTT); the content of mental processing, *thought, knowledge, insight*, (BDAG)

Mentally Prepared

- 1. We practice confession and accept forgiveness.**
- 2. We need to hide the Word of God in our heart. We need to memorize Scripture, memorize promises. This becomes the foundation for the Faith-Rest Drill and for Grace Orientation and Doctrinal Orientation.**
- 3. We have to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, 2 Pet. 3:18**
- 4. Paying attention to how you think and what you think about. The Christian way of life is a life of thought, not a life of emotion,**
- 5. Drill, drill; practice, practice; apply, apply!**

Rom. 12:2, “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

Rom. 12:3, “For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.”

**Phil. 4:8, “Finally, brothers,
whatever is true,
whatever is honorable,
whatever is just,
whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely,
whatever is commendable,
if there is any excellence,
if there is anything worthy of praise,

think about these things.”**

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Paraphrase: “I’m done with solving life’s problems with the solutions of the sin nature. I will do the right thing, come what may. I will trust God and He will sustain me.”

1 Pet. 4:2, “that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.”

THE SIN NATURE “the flesh”

