

Choosing to Take Control - A Lesson in Making Good Choices

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What can we “control”?

- Our Thoughts • Our Speech • Our Actions

Taking control of our Thoughts . . .

Initial Thoughts...

- Ephesians 4:26-2 • 1 Peter 5:8 • Matthew 7:13-14

The “narrow” way = controlled thoughts.

- Romans 12:2 • 1 Peter 5:8 • Ephesians 5:15-17

How do we take every thought “captive”?

- Romans 8:5 • Philippians 4:8

Taking control of Our Speech!

WORDS HAVE POWER!

- James 3:2 • Proverbs 17:28 • Proverbs 18:21 • Matthew 12:36-37

Speech to avoid . . .

- 1 Timothy 6:20-21 • Ephesians 4:29 • Ephesians 5:4

Speech to utter . . .

- Proverbs 15:4 • Proverbs 16:24 • Colossians 4:6

Taking control of Our A C T I O N S !

We can be a “Joseph”.

We cannot always control what happens TO us.

But we can control HOW we respond.

- Titus 3:1-2 • 1 Timothy 4:11-12 • Romans 12:1
- Genesis 4:7 • 1 Corinthians 10:13

Attain the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

- Ephesians 4:14-16

If you want to be a Christian...

Change your...THOUGHTS • Acts 16:31 “Believe” • Acts 17:30 “Repent”

Change your...SPEECH • Matthew 10:32 “Confess Me”

Change your...ACTIONS • Romans 6:4 “We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”