NEW AGE Pt. 34: AFFIRMATIONS, POSITIVE THINKING, THOUGHTS

AFFIRMATIONS

Let's have a quick refresher on what an affirmation is because this has made its way into the church.

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manipulating your thoughts and getting you to focus on trying to get what you want by yourself without God.

Affirmations are one way new agers practice the law of attraction. They are working on trying to attract what they speak and think over and over. We already looked at some affirmations a few weeks ago but they were labeled as mantras. You chant mantras and you chant affirmations by saying them over and over.

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If you need money, ask God in prayer. If you want to be married, then pray for God to show you the one for you. Pray about the dates you go on etc. Pray and ask God for a godly man or a godly woman and to bring them into your life across your path. If you are having low self esteem or confidence problems, take it all to God in prayer. Recognize the enemy trying to attack you in your mind about how you feel about yourself and reject those wrong thoughts. You know God's Word says you are fearfully and wonderfully made. That's God's Word and His Word is true. You are precious and valuable to God, made in His image. He loves you. Ask Him to help you to have right and healthy thoughts about yourself. Plead the

blood of Jesus over your thoughts, your mind, heart, soul and spirit – over your life.

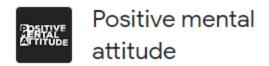
POSITIVE THINKING MOVEMENT

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The Positive Thinking Movement was inspired by The New Thought Movement. Positive thinking seems like a new age spin on speaking in faith. Christians speak in faith according to God's Word and His promises to us. That's part of standing on His promises as the song says. But New Agers have selfish ambitions and speak all sorts of things to profit themselves by.

Once again, we are reminded that "name it and claim it", "word of faith", "speak it into existence" and "prosperity gospel" are all new age teachings that have made their way into the church. In new age these same teachings are called New Thought Movement, Positive Thinking, The I Am movement etc. satan's ministers are teaching those same new age teachings in the church, they just call them by different names so that they will be accepted.



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Just remember the girl who was participating in all of this, reading and studying these books and attending the conferences and the whole shebang when one night a man's voice spoke inside her head and said "illuminati." That was a demon and that was her wake up call. She opened spiritual doors in her life to the kingdom of darkness and drew demons in by practicing all these new age occult things.

CLOSING

Again, let's take a look at what The Bible says about our thoughts.

2 Cor.10:3-6 - For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

We are human but we are not fighting a physical battle, we are not fighting against humans – we are fighting spiritual forces. Our weapons are spiritual weapons supplied by God. He equips us with the armor of God and we have His

very Spirit inside of us helping us to fight and protecting us. We have His Word to guide us. The strongholds that we pull down are set up by demons working against us. An addiction of alcoholism or drug addiction is a demonic stronghold in a person's life. I was disappointed that the NLT only said we are able to knock down strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. It is that, but it's more than that too. We come against arguments and deceitful teachings that are against the knowledge of God. That's what I'm doing when I expose the evil works of darkness which new age is, it's of the occult. That's what I'm doing when I tell you and show you that Joel Olsteen is teaching new age right from the pulpit.

We test wrong thoughts and false teachings instead of agreeing with them, we learn why they are wrong according to God's Word so that in the end we can all understand and remain obedient to God's Word. Disobedience to God's Word is supposed to be dealt with in the church when someone claims to be a Christian. That's what the end of that passage referred to. They could not deal properly with the disobedience of others in the church until they themselves did not have any disobedience.

So hearing someone teach that we should think positive thoughts all the time, we should check and search, where is that in God's Word? As Christians we want our thoughts to be in line with God's Word. We stand on His Word but we don't just keep repeating it over and over in our heads. Let The Holy Spirit reign in your life and your mind and thoughts will begin to come in line with God's Spirit. (1 Cor.2:16)

Psalm 139:23-24 - Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if *there be any* wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

King David wrote this psalm and he was a godly king, Scripture says he was a man after God's own heart. (1 Sam.13:14) Here he is teaching us to ask God to help you to have thoughts and motives that align with His will and His plan for your life. Ask Him to help you to guard your thoughts. The demons are always trying to attack you in your mind and deceive you that way. Plead the blood of Jesus over your thoughts and get busy hiding God's Word in your heart so that you can test wrong thoughts.

Prov.16:3 - Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

When you commit your life and actions to The Lord, the things you think on will be accomplished because they will be in line with what God wants for your life.

Prov.21:5 - The thoughts of the diligent *tend* only to plenteousness; but of every one *that is* hasty only to want.

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Thoughts are translated to planning here. When you are planning you are thinking. So God's Word says thinking things out, planning, and working hard are what lead to prosperity. Not thinking over and over that you are becoming rich or growing rich or money is flowing to you. The early church was taught by Apostle Paul that if anyone would not work they did not deserve to eat. (2 Thess.3:10)

There are no shortcuts, money doesn't grow on trees or fall out of the sky. Get focused on living a godly life that is pleasing to God and He will meet your needs and bless your life.

I'm going to be taking a break from the New Age series and will revisit it in the future because there's still so much to cover.

PRAYER

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