

Your New Groove



*“Fools base their thoughts on foolish assumptions, so their conclusions will be wicked madness;”
King Solomon | Ecclesiastes 10:13 (NLT)*

Deeply held, but mistaken premises can lead you to peculiar, even harmful answers. Recall hearing that people believed the world was flat? Imagine how the fear of falling off the edge might have swayed their decisions. Solidify your underlying beliefs to reach Kingdom worthy answers. Can your Mission advance lacking them? This is

serious stuff...

*“For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.”
Jesus Christ (John 8:44)*

... in fact, so serious that your enemy vehemently opposes you. Though born again, you grew up in a fallen world. Many of the Devil's lies remain firmly embedded within your mind. Not lost on him, he'll do anything to keep you believing them; your Mission languishing.

If only our minds were swept clean of these upon accepting Christ!

Reflect: How can I know what lies I still believe?

A favored tactic of the devil is to draw up embedded lies for us to play back to ourselves over and over. Like a cow path, well-honed grooves form. So ingrained, how can one distinguish lie from truth? How can you move your thinking into the groove of one born again?

“Keep me from lying to myself; give me the privilege of knowing your instructions.” Psalm 119:29

① Plead, *“Keep me from lying to myself!”*

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.” The Apostle Paul (2 Timothy 3:16)

② Immerse yourself in the truth, you're privileged! Allow God to transform your thinking to become that of one born again.

"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect." The Apostle Paul (Romans 12:2)

③ Take the straight path God sets before you, becoming one in purpose with him. Advancing his will, your Mission, will become your priority... your new groove.

*Consider: **When on my Mission, the enemy heightens his attacks.***

"Ding, Ding!" The match is on...

If there's one thing I've learned over years of battle, it's that the more I've sought to serve the Lord, the more my faith is tested. Yours will be to. Advancing your Mission energizes your enemy! Entrenched worldly lies quickly rise to the surface. Often anchored by emotional experiences, it takes a serious whack to knock them out of their groove. Conversely, like a boxer keeping his opponent cowering by attacking his wound, it takes just a small jab from the devil to hold your thinking in the old groove.

No amount of positive thinking or worldly intervention can provide the knock out blow needed in your battle. Your lies have a spiritual root.

"For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places." The Apostle Paul (Ephesians 6:12)

Spiritual problems require spiritual responses!

Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. The Apostle Paul (Ephesians 6:18)

Having identified a lie, pray fervently to overcome it, then take faithful steps to advance your Mission to seal its demise.

Imagine: Delivering knock out blows to the lies that have prevented me from advancing my Mission.

What Mission disabling lies are stuck in the cow path of your mind?

- *"My Mission is insignificant."*
- *"I don't have what it takes."*
- *"I'd have to win the lottery to do this."*
- *...?*

Watch out for these jabs! Go on the offensive. Plead, *"Keep me from lying to myself!"* Immerse yourself in the truth, pray fervently and follow God's lead by stepping forward on your Mission in faith. Boldly move into...

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Go off the grid and ask these questions:

Coach's Questions

- What lie am I repeating to myself over and over?
- What does God's truth say? How could I begin to repeat this over and over instead?

- How will I go on the offensive to create a new groove?
- What faith filled step will I take to advance my Mission?

Spirit Talk

Post this where you will see it regularly.

Stop Lying to Myself!

"The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in those who tell the truth."

King Solomon | Proverbs 12:22



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