

**The Battle for the Christian's Thinking**, part 5  
*The way out*

- I. Review of the process in thinking that produces an act of sin.**
  1. An idea may become a lust, a lust a temptation, a temptation a trespass, a trespass a sin (Jam. 1:13-15).
  2. There is always the way out (cf. 1 Cor. 10:13).
  3. God has provided all the provisions needed for us to foil our spiritual enemies.
  4. Since we were called to salvation, we have an obligation, to order our lifestyle and then conduct our behavior, to please God (Eph.4:1-3; Thes. 4:1, 7; 1 Pet. 1:15; 1 Jn. 3:16).
- II. The way out of potential pitfalls from ever becoming an idea.**
  1. Order lifestyle by the Spirit (Gal. 5:16).
  2. Recognize “passions”.
    - 1) Construct lifestyle accordingly.
    - 2) Construct lifestyle to perform good works (Eph. 2:10).
- III. The way out from negative lusts.**
  1. Say, **“No!”** by understanding ‘grace’ teachings and divine enabling works (Tit. 2:11-12; cf. Rom. 11:6; Eph. 2:8-9).
  2. Say, **“Yes!”** to the Holy Spirit’s lusts (Gal. 5:17).
- IV. The way out of a temptation.**
  1. There is a progression in the Christian’s defenses.
  2. Flesh—reckon one’s self dead to the sin nature (Rom. 6:11; Col. 3:1-2).
  3. Satan—put on the armor from God (Eph. 6:10-17).
  4. The World System—use but do not abuse (1 Cor. 7:31; 1 Jn. 2:15-17).
- V. The way out of a trespass—take heed to spiritual Christians’ adjustment (Gal. 6:1).**
- VI. The way out of a sin dominated lifestyle.**
  1. Punishment (1 Cor. 11:29-32; Heb. 12:6).
  2. Physical death (1 Jn. 5:16).