

Get Real... Can you believe that?

2 Corinthians 10:1-5

 Matthew 7:12 (NIV) “So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you...”

People will accuse us of doing things that they themselves are doing.

 2 Corinthians 10:1 (NIV) “By the meekness and gentleness of Christ, I appeal to you—I, Paul, who am “timid” when face to face with you, but “bold” when away!”

 2 Corinthians 10:2 (NIV) “I beg you that when I come I may not have to be as bold as I expect to be toward some people who think that we live by the standards of this world.”

People will bait us to behave in ways that are contrary to our calling.

 2 Corinthians 10:3–4 (NIV) “For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. ⁴ The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.”

 Romans 12:2 (NIV) “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.”

People will get us to consider things that are not worth believing.

 2 Corinthians 10:5 (NIV) “We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”

BELIEVE CAUTIOUSLY

1. Thoughts need to be captured.
2. Thoughts need to be tamed.
3. Thoughts need to be directed.

 Philippians 4:8 (NIV) “Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.”

Digging Deeper— Are you a Thermometer or a Thermostat? How do you react to the changes around you? Do you change according to your surroundings or do you have something within you that helps regulate your surroundings? How do you handle accusations? Are you tapped into the power of God? Do you believe cautiously? Who does God say you are?