LIKE IT OR NOT

Part 7: "I've Got War on My Mind"

"Blessed are those whose hearts are pure. They will see God." Matthew 5:8 (NIRV)

"What bliss you experience when your heart is pure! For then your eyes will open to see more and more of God. Matthew 5:8 (TPT)

"You're blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world." *Matthew 5:8* (MSG)

TO WIN THE BATTLE FOR MY MIND AND HEART, I HAVE TO DO THESE TWO THINGS...

1...._____MY_____THOUGHTS

"Above all else, <u>watch over your heart (mind/thoughts);</u> diligently <u>guard it</u> because from a sincere and pure heart come the good and noble things of life." Proverbs 4:23 (TVB)

"Come close to the one true God, and He will draw close to you. Wash your hands; you have dirtied them in sin. <u>Cleanse</u> your heart, because your mind is split down the middle, your love for God on one side and selfish pursuits on the other." **James 4:8** (TVB)

2. ...<u>BE</u> THE _____ OF ____ SO THAT I CAN _____ THE _____ OF _____

"Dear friends, let us practice loving each other, for love comes from God and those who are loving and kind show that they are the children of God, and that they are getting to know him better. But if a person isn't loving and kind, it shows that he doesn't know God—for God is love. God showed how much he loved us by sending his only Son into this wicked world to bring to us eternal life through his death. In this act we see what real love is: it is not our love for God but his love for us when he sent his Son to satisfy God's anger against our sins. Dear friends, since God loved us as much as that, we surely ought to love each other too. For though we have never yet seen God, when we love each other God lives in us, and his love within us grows ever stronger. And he has put his own Holy Spirit into our hearts as a proof to us that we are living with him and he with us." 1 John 4:7-13 (TLB)