

***Think Better, Live Better, by Joel Osteen***

Similar to the making of a computer, when God created you, He put in you the perfect hardware. You're the right size, the right nationality, and you have the right gifts. He also put the right software in you. From the very beginning, your original software says, "You can do all things through Christ." . . . Your Creator designed you to live an abundant, victorious, faith-filled life. We don't always experience this abundant life because we've allowed viruses to contaminate our software.

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The Scripture tells us to guard our heart and mind (see Prov. 4:23; Phil. 4:7), because the thoughts we dwell on control our whole life. You control the doorway to what you allow in. You can dwell on negative thoughts and derogatory comments, or you can choose to delete them and dwell on what God says about you.

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Inside each of us is a blessed, prosperous, victorious person who is free from addictions and bad habits, confident and secure, talented and creative. But . . . this person has to be released. The apostle Paul gives us the secret in Romans 12:2: "Be transformed by the renewing of your mind." . . . If you'll program your mind with what God says about you, then a transformation will take place.

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