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<u>II Corinthians 2:11 (NKJV)</u> – ¹¹ lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

Satan's primary device is to bring thoughts, ideas, and suggestions that exalt themselves against the word of God and blind our minds to the truth. Our thought life is the entrance place to the lies of the enemy

II Corinthians 4:3-4 (KJV) – ³ But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: ⁴ In whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

<u>Acts 26:18 (KJV)</u> – ¹⁸ To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Satan must be resisted by you, not God.

Ephesians 4:27 (NIV/KJV) – ²⁷ Do not give the devil a foothold or give him no place

This means you have the authority to stop him from taking a place in your life.

Ephesians 6:10-11 (NKJV) – ¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Ephesians 6:16-17 (NKJV) - ¹⁶ above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God

<u>I Peter 5:8-9 (NKJV)</u> – ⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. ⁹ [You] resist him, steadfast in the faith

<u>James 4:7 (NKJV)</u> - ⁷ Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you [as in terror].

You cannot be submitted to God and resist the devil without exercising authority over your thought life.

II Corinthians 10:3-5 (NKJV) – ³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵ casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ

A stronghold refers to thoughts that have been built into a fortress, thoughts that shape and govern what I believe.

You give the devil no place in you by resisting the thoughts, ideas, and suggestions he places in your mind. You give the devil no place in you by not "taking the thought by saying." When you resist the thoughts, ideas, and suggestion and you refuse to speak those things, you are resisting the devil.