

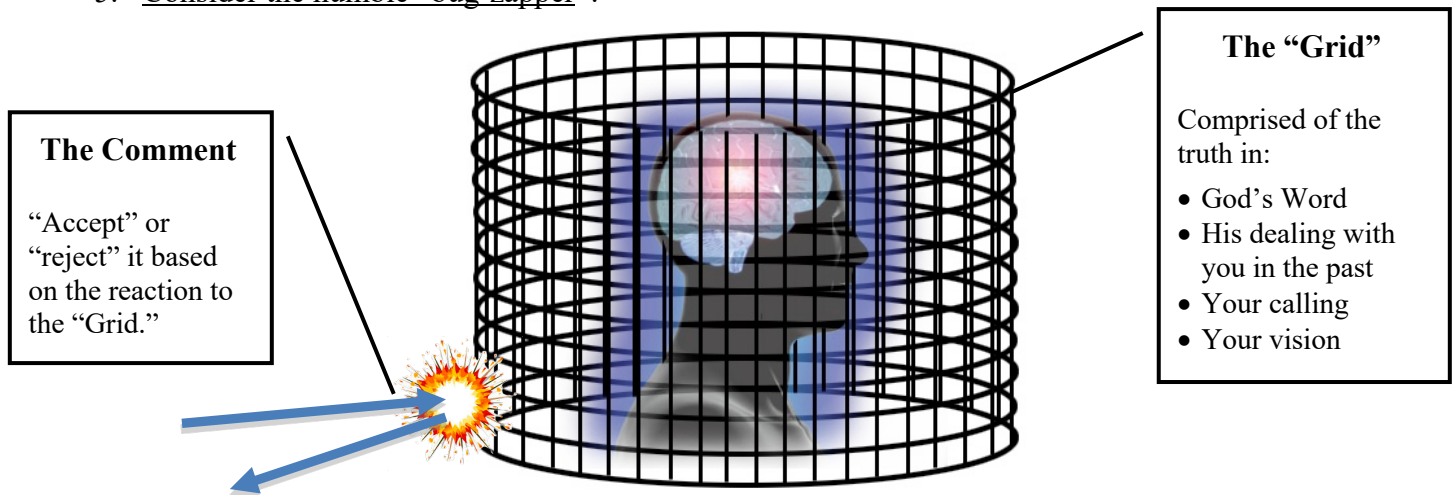
The Spiritual Protection Grid

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In order to “block” the “fiery darts of the Devil” from entering into your thoughts, you must create a “grid of protection” around your mind to “take your thoughts captive.” This “grid” is made up of God’s Word, your calling, and what you have learned from God in the past.

Foundational Principles:

1. We have been given “control” over our thoughts – *“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.”* 2 Corinthians 10:5
2. The enemy’s attacks primarily come in the form of thoughts – *“...but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed...”* James 1: 14 see also Ephesians 6:16
3. The attacks of other people come in the form of words – *“Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.”* Matthew 5: 11
4. We can “accept” or “reject” criticisms, based on what we know about ourselves and God – *“...test the spirits, whether they are of God...”* 1John 4: 1
5. Consider the humble “bug-zapper”!



Procedure:

When an accusation or critical comment is directed at you:

1. Before “accepting it,” ask yourself:
 - a. Does this match with what God has said in His Word?
 - b. Does this match with what God has told me in the past?
 - c. Does this match with my calling?
 - d. Does this match with the ministry vision God has given me?
 - e. Is this something that God wants to deal with in me?
2. If there is any “match” to the above questions, “accept” the comment or accusation, humbly.
 - a. Thank the person for his/her comment and concern.
 - b. Ask the person to tell you more about his/her feelings.
 - c. Continue the dialogue as long as you are comfortable.
 - d. Walk away from the person, pray for God’s guidance as you “process” the comment.
3. If there is no “match” to the above questions, “reject” the comment or accusation with confidence.
 - a. Thank the person for his/her comment and concern.
 - b. If desired, continue to dialogue without personal connection.
 - c. Walk away from the person physically and mentally.