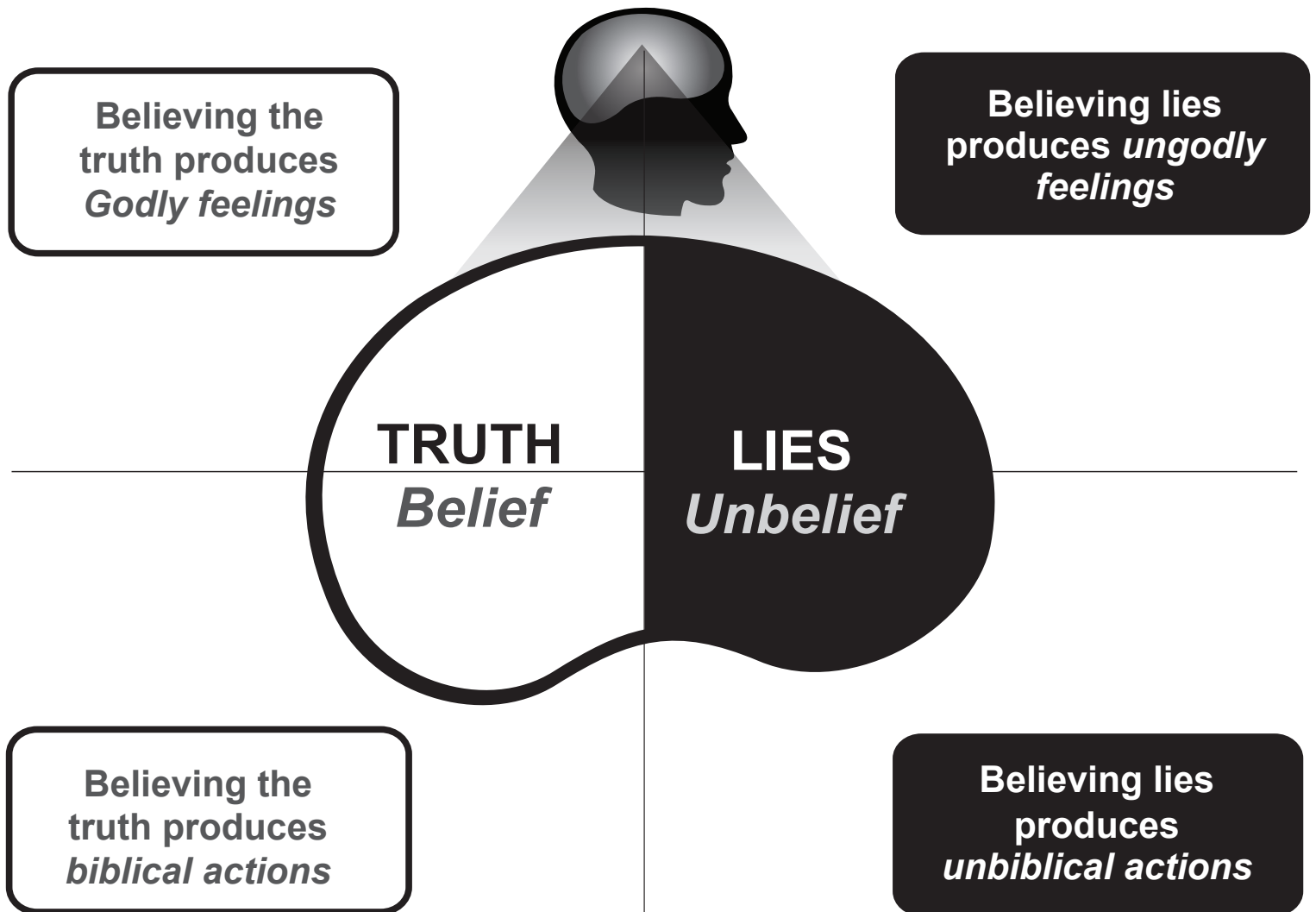




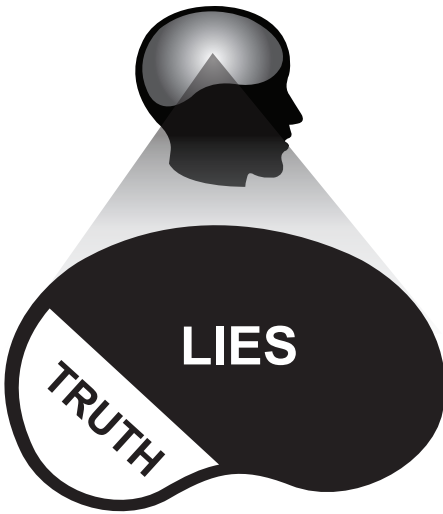
# THE **BATTLE** OF THE MIND



*“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 Cor. 10:3-5*



- You have truth and lies entering your mind on a continuing basis.
- You can decide which thoughts are based in God’s truth and which are not.
- You are capable of choosing to believe truth and choosing to dismiss lies.
- Your decisions will be made in accordance with what you choose to believe.
- Your feelings and behaviors are determined by your choice to believe truth or lies.



*“All of us lived among them at one time, gratifying the craving of our sinful nature, and following its desires and thoughts.” —Eph. 2:3*

## Immature Believer Life dominated by lies of Satan/self

- Motivated by self-centeredness
- Manifested in not trusting
  - God’s character and wisdom
  - God’s commands and promises
- Produces decisions that are disobedient to God’s Word



*“...for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind...he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.”  
—James 1:6,7*

## Double-Minded Man The struggle for control

- At times doubts God’s character and Word
- At times trusts God’s character and Word
- Produces decisions that are inconsistent and wavering



*“Don’t be conformed to the World, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...”  
—Romans 12:2*

## Mature Believer Life dominated by God’s Truth

- Grows in biblical knowledge
- Develops Godly wisdom
- Produces decisions in obedience to God’s Word