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Conformed Or Transformed

Let's talk about your mind. I'm listening. **Your mind is a battleground.** How so? **All that you think, say and do in life will be guided by your mind.** There is not one thing that you have thought, said or done that hasn't started in your mind. **Your mind is being bombarded daily by all that is in the world.** The world is continually trying to conform your heart, and mind and life according to its patterns and practices. **If you do nothing at all you will think and speak and act like all those who are in the world.** You will think worldly thoughts. You will speak worldly words. You will live a worldly life. **None of this kind of living is pleasing to me. None of this kind of living is according to my will and my ways.** **This kind of thinking, speaking and living is the way of the world.** I don't want to live my life according to the patterns and practices of this world. I want to know and do your will. I want to live in ways that are pleasing to you. **That's good.**

If you want to know and do my will then you must know my thoughts. How can I know your thoughts? **You must meet with me in my word.** My word will change your heart and transform your mind. **You must meditate on my word day and night.** You must let my word dwell in you richly. **Instead of letting the world conform you, you must allow my word to transform you.** My word will change the way that you think, speak and act. **My word will make you able to know and do my will. My word will make you able to live in ways that are pleasing to me.** That's what I want. That is the desire of my heart.

How often do you think it would be good to meet with me in my word? How often do you want to grow in your knowing my will and walking in my ways? How often do you want to be made able to live in ways that are pleasing to me? How often is the world trying to conform you to according to its patterns and practices? There is one word that answers all of these questions. I want to meet with you in your word everyday. I want your word to be working in my heart and on my mind every day. **That will be very good.**

Lord, for so long my heart and mind were in the grip of this world as I was being conformed to its patterns, values, and practices.

Thank you, for changing my heart and transforming mind by your word so I can know you and do your will. Amen

The Mind *Renewing Of Your Mind*

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NIV Romans 12:1-2

The Mind *Changing The Way You Think*

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

NLT Romans 12:1-2

The Mind *Renewing Of Your Minds*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

NRSV Romans 12:1-2

The Mind *Renewal Of Your Mind*

I APPEAL to you therefore, brethren, and beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].

AMP Romans 12:1-2

The Mind *Renewing Of Your Mind*

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

NASB Romans 12:1-2

The Mind *Renewal Of Your Mind*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

ESV Romans 12:1-2

The Mind *Renewing Of Your Mind*

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

NKJV Romans 12:1-2

The Mind *Fix Your Attention On God*

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

MSG Romans 12:1-2

The Mind *Fresh Newness In All You Do And Think*

And so, dear brothers, I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a living sacrifice, holy—the kind he can accept. When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask? Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but be a new and different person with a fresh newness in all you do and think. Then you will learn from your own experience how his ways will really satisfy you.

TLB Romans 12:1-2

The Mind *Changed By A New Way Of Thinking*

So brothers and sisters, since God has shown us great mercy, I beg you to offer your lives as a living sacrifice to him. Your offering must be only for God and pleasing to him, which is the spiritual way for you to worship. Do not change yourselves to be like the people of this world, but be changed within by a new way of thinking. Then you will be able to decide what God wants for you; you will know what is good and pleasing to him and what is perfect.

NCV Romans 12:1-2

Renewing Of Your Mind

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

The Mind – Romans 12:1-2

In Context: *Read Romans 12*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How has receiving God's mercy motivated your wholehearted desire to serve Him as a living sacrifice?

What are you now doing that you have not done before because you are living wholeheartedly for God?

How does the world continually attempt to conform you to its pattern of thinking, speaking and acting?

How is conforming to this world the opposite of being renewed and transformed in your mind by God?

How are you separating yourself from evil and worldly influences so you are not conformed to them?

How are you continually allowing God's word to transform your mind and the way you think, speak, and act?

How has God used His word to transform your mind so you could know Him and do His will?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Allow God's word to transform your mind so you will be able to know Him and do His will.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that God will use His word to transform your mind so you will be able to know Him and do His will.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how God is helping you to both know Him and do His will.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you allow God to change your heart and transform your mind so you can know Him and do His will.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, use your word to change my heart and transform my mind so I can know you and do your will.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how do you want to change my heart and transform my mind so I can know you and do your will today?
