

Walking in Victory

Renewing the Mind

Key Scripture: ***Romans 12:2** 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.*

Key Truth: *We can take charge of our lives by taking charge of our **minds**.*

What Is An Unrenewed Mind?

Here are eight attitudes and characteristics of an unrenewed mind:

1. Lack of **knowledge** of the word of God. ***Hosea 4:6***
2. Controlled by the desires of the **flesh**, such as money, food, sex, power, envy and so forth. ***Romans 8:5-6***
3. Weak or indecisive and choosing things **contrary** to the will of God. ***Luke 10:41-42***
4. Undisciplined and fantasizing on **worldly** things. ***2 Cor. 10:5***
5. Refuses to change and only seeks to **prove** itself right; defending itself. ***Romans 12:3***
6. More **concerned** with things of this earth than the things of Heaven. ***Col. 3:2***
7. Allows emotional **feelings** instead of God's word, to decide how it acts. ***James 1:8***
8. Ruled by worry, fear, and **wrong** thinking. ***2 Tim. 1:7***

What Is A Renewed Mind?

The renewed mind – the prosperous and converted soul – has eight basic characteristics:

1. Ready to **accept** or change any thought or attitude at any time. ***Rom. 12:2***
2. Has a way of thinking that follows and **obeys** the Holy Spirit, not the flesh. ***Rom. 8:5&6***
3. Meditates on God's word **regularly**. ***Psalms 1:2&3***
4. Disciplined to **positive** things with no fear, worry, or bad attitudes. ***Is. 26:3***
5. Settled to do God's will, no matter what the **cost**. ***Joshua 24:15***
6. Alert and sharp to follow the **directions** of the Holy Spirit. ***Rom. 8:14***

7. Has emotions that do not ***control*** the way we live, but rather are stabilized and disciplined to the word of God. ***2 Cor. 5:7***
8. Pure, undefiled, and free from unclean ***thought***. ***Philippians 4:8***

How To Renew The Mind

Here are some basic steps to renewing our minds and being transformed:

1. **We must believe that we are in control of our minds. *Deut. 30:19*** Our mind does not do its own thing. Once we admit that we are in control, we can do something about it. Some people blame their actions on the devil. When we admit that we have responsibility for our minds, we have taken the first step to ***freedom***.
2. **We must believe that we need to *change*.**
3. **We must realize that change involves an act of our will. We must make the decision to change.**
4. **We must put the truth from the word in place of wrong thoughts.**
5. **We must practice the truth until it becomes a way of life.**

Results of A Renewed Mind

A renewed mind means a prosperous soul and a transformed life. Here is a sampling of the many benefits we will experience when our minds are renewed:

1. We walk in the good, acceptable, and ***perfect*** will of God. ***Rom 12:2***
2. We have ***peace***. ***Isaiah 26:3***
3. We live in right relationship with God without ***condemnation***. ***Rom 8:1***
4. We live in ***holiness***. ***Eph. 4:23&24***
5. We live in divine ***health***. ***3 John 2***
6. We experience financial prosperity, favor, and ***increase***. ***3 John 2***
7. We are free from the ***bondage*** of mental oppression, depression, fear, and worry. ***John 8:31&32***

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Lesson 8

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THE MIND IS THE BATTLEFIELD

With our _____, we think, learn, imagine, remember, and understand. Our minds have the _____ to reason, understand, and make decisions. Our minds determine our _____ - how we live, how we behave, and how we conduct ourselves.

We need to _____ our minds from demonic “mental bondages,” and get our mind renewed to God’s truth, God thoughts, God’s ideas, and God’s way of thinking. The Bible has a great deal to say about the mind, with more than 200 verses listed. These Scriptures reveal the power of the mind.

Genesis 11:6, Proverb s 23:7

The Bible talks about:

- ! A _____ mind {Mark 5:15}
- ! A _____ mind {Philippians 2:3}
- ! A _____ mind {Romans 12:2}
- ! A _____ mind {Romans 8:6}
- ! A _____ mind {2 Cor. 7:7}
- ! A _____ mind {2 Cor. 8:19}
- ! A _____ mind {Eph. 4:23}
- ! A _____ mind {2 Tim. 1:7}

The Bible warns against:

- ! A _____ mind {Pro. 21:27}
- ! An _____ mind {Luke 12:29}
- ! A _____ mind {Rom. 1:28}
- ! A _____ mind {Col. 2:18}
- ! A _____ mind {Rom. 8:7}
- ! A _____ mind {2 Thess. 2:2}
- ! A mind _____ by Satan {2 Cor. 4:4}
- ! Spiritual _____ coming against the mind {1 Peter 2:11}

The essence of a renewed mind is one whose _____ life has come under the lordship of Christ.

THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A SOUND MIND

God intends for every Christian to _____ a sound mind – a whole mind – and He has made provision for us to have a sound mind. *{2 Tim. 1:7}*

These are the characteristics of a sound mind:

1. A sound mind is _____.
2. A sound mind is _____.
Thought is the seed of action. Thought comes to produce the harvest of action. *{1 Peter 1:13}*
3. A sound mind is full of God's _____. *{Matthew 4:4}*
4. A sound mind is _____. **The cleansing action of the word will _____ our thought life and keep our mind pure. *{John 17:17, Eph. 5:26}***

