

# The Power of the Renewed Mind

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“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.” **(Romans 12:2 NKJV)**

Conformed means “to form according to a pattern or mold.” J. B. Phillips Bible translates it, “Don’t let the world squeeze you into its own mold.” We do not conform to the pattern of this world.

“As obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance;” **(I Peter 1:14 NKJV)**

“Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night.” **(Psalms 1:1-2 NKJV)**

The Christian is in the world but not of the world.

“They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.” **(John 17:16 NKJV)**

World is not the physical world but rather the aion or age.

“Who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,” **(Galatians 1:4 NKJV)**

“For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:” **(I Peter 2:21 NKJV)**

Steps is Greek word for pattern.

“And have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,” **(Hebrews 6:5 NKJV)**

Believer lives by the powers of the age to come even while residing in this world (age).

“Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you, but be inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit through a total reformation of how you think. This will empower you to discern God’s will as you live a beautiful life, satisfying and perfect in his eyes.” **(Romans 12:2 TPT)**

“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.” **(Romans 12:2 NLT)**

“For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.” **(Romans 8:5-9 NKJV)**

Your mind is being renewed or at war with God.

“Those who are motivated by the flesh only pursue what benefits themselves. But those who live by the impulses of the Holy Spirit are motivated to pursue spiritual realities. For the sense and reason of the flesh is death, but the mind-set controlled by the Spirit finds life and peace. In fact, the mind-set focused on the flesh fights God’s plan and refuses to submit to his direction, because it cannot! For no matter how hard they try, God finds no pleasure with those who are controlled by the flesh.” **(Romans 8:5-8 TPT)**

“Now Christ lives his life in you! And even though your body may be dead because of the effects of sin, his life-giving Spirit imparts life to you because you are fully accepted by God.” **(Romans 8:10 TPT)**

Students today are being what to think but not how to think.

“For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.” **(1 Corinthians 2:16 KJV)**

“For, “Who can know the Lord’s thoughts? Who knows enough to teach him?” But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.” **(1 Corinthians 2:16 NLT)**

“For who has known or understood the mind (the counsels and purposes) of the Lord so as to guide and instruct Him and give Him knowledge? But we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart. **[1 Corinthians 2:16 AMPC)**

“No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.” **(John 15:15 NKJV)**

“I do not call you servants (slaves) any longer, for the servant does not know what his master is doing (working out). But I have called you My friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from My Father. [I have revealed to you everything that I have learned from Him.]” **(John 15:15 AMPC)**

Memorizing scripture is not the answer to renewing the mind.

“You search and investigate and pore over the Scriptures diligently, because you suppose and trust that you have eternal life through them. And these [very Scriptures] testify about Me! And still you are not willing [but refuse] to come to Me, so that you might have life.” **(John 5:39-40 AMPC)**