

**“Transformation: It Starts in Your Mind”**

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*“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will.” Rom. 12:1-2*

**1. What we think we become.**

- There is a battle for your mind. The thoughts you allow to win the battle will define you.

*“How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me?” Psalm 13:2*

*“But I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me.” Romans 7:23*

- Think becomes is! Thoughts define realities. You can’t change your experience until you change your thoughts. If you can’t change your ability to think you can’t change your experience.
- You have to think about what you think about.

*“The simple believe anything, but the prudent give thought to their steps.” Proverbs 14:15*

*“The wicked put up a bold front, but the upright give thought to their ways.” Proverbs 21:29*

Transformation step: If I want to be transformed, I have to decide to think differently.

**2. There is a wrong way and a right way to think.**

- The world has a pattern of thinking. It is devious and deadly.

*““Those who live according to the flesh have their **minds** set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their **minds** set on what the Spirit desires. The **mind** governed by the flesh is death, but the **mind** governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The **mind** governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so.” Romans 8:5-7*

- Jesus has transformed your nature. You must transform your thinking.

Transformation step: I will take an inventory of what I think about. Are my thoughts conforming thoughts or are they transforming thoughts?

**3. Renew your mind and you will renew your life.**

- If the Holy Spirit is in you, you have the mind of Christ.

*“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:8-9*

*“But we have the mind of Christ”. 1 Cor. 2:16*

Transformation steps:

1. I will take every thought captive. 2 Cor. 10:5
2. I will determine what I will or will not allow my mind to dwell on. Col. 3:2
3. I will dwell only on what is good. Phil. 4:8-9

*“I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve.” Jeremiah 17:10*