

## My Right Mind

We are made up of three parts. We are a spirit, we have a soul, and we live in a body. Our spirits, at the new birth, were recreated. The Holy Spirit came in to dwell. He brought with Him all things that pertain to our life and godliness.

This means that Christ has provided for us everything we need to live a victorious Christian life, a life where we know God's will and do it in His power.

But this provision and power must be accessed. It doesn't come out of our spirits automatically. We must learn what we have, believe it, and obey the leading of the Spirit. This is what it means to walk in the Spirit.

Our struggle is not just to turn from sin and yield to righteousness, but to learn to walk by faith and to accomplish God's will.

This is done successfully as we learn to remove doubt and renew our minds with the word of God. When this happens, sin will no longer control, and faith will access God's promises, His plans, and his provision to accomplish those plans.

If you are unsure of God's plans for your life, this is what the bible says to do. In Romans 12:2 we are told to be transformed by the renewing of our minds, that we may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

The transformation process takes time. The amount of time is different for each person. This passage teaches that it requires three things:

1. It requires presenting our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable, so we are no longer under the control of sin.
2. Not being conformed to this world. The world means the system of lawlessness, controlled by the enemy, that affects every discipline of life.
3. The renewing of our minds. When this happens, we are transformed by the Spirit. We will become on the outside what we are on the inside. We

will prove (discriminate between options or choices) what is that good (the right path for you) and acceptable (the path that pleases God) and perfect (finished, completed) will of God.

We're given not only the power to do God's will, but we're given the mind to discern it. That mind is clouded by the carnal mind. There is a wrong mind and a right mind. Rom. 8:5-9 shows us that the wrong mind is to be carnally minded. The right mind is the spiritually minded.

A carnal mind is one that has an unspiritual, lawless buildup, like plaque on the brain in someone with dementia. This buildup on your brain is the sin of the world. It has to be removed, and it can be removed with the washing of water by the word (Eph. 5:26).

The carnal mind is opposed to the Spirit (Gal. 5:16-17). This mind, or the flesh, is of this world. It does not love God. It does not trust God. It will not obey God. It has a voice and speaks to us. Its objective is to get us to listen to it, believe it, doubt God, and turn away from God.

If a voice comes to us that brings doubt, fear, discouragement, unbelief, worry, sin or confusion, that's the carnal mind. **It's NOT the real you.** The real you loves God, believes God, and trusts God.

When you have thoughts of wanting to know God better, of believing God's word, and of wanting to be in God's presence, that's the Spirit. That's the new man. That's the real you. When we yield to this voice, it honors God and attracts heaven to us.

Whenever the voice of the flesh speaks to you, remind yourself it's not the real you. Tell it that you reject that voice. Reject the thought it brings. It's not you. It's the God-hating flesh that wants to bring you back into bondage and under its control.

Instead, declare what you're believing God for. Declare what you're expecting Him to do for you. Declare what His word says. Just as Jesus defeated Satan with the word of God, we defeat the flesh and the devil with the word as well.

It may not be easy at first. The flesh is used to being in control of your mind and actions. It will be relentless and will keep bringing wrong thoughts. However, as you keep rejecting them and replacing them with faith in God's word, the control of wrong thoughts will grow weaker and will be replaced with faith.

Wrong thoughts will still come, but they will no longer control you. The spirit will control. This will bring God's favor on all you do. It will bring greater direction and provision. All you have in your spirit on deposit will be accessed as needed.

When we overcome the carnal mind, we will overcome doubt, and we will receive from the Lord all that He wants us to have. Then we can know and victoriously accomplish God's will. You may not see the whole picture right away, but you'll know the next step to take. This is how we walk by faith and fulfill His plan.