

Transformed (part 2)

Last time we discussed that there's more to us than what now appears. In order to discover what God has created us to become and bring it out, it will require being transformed by the renewing of our minds. We can then accomplish the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God for our lives.

In this session we will discuss how to renew our minds. There are several steps that we are required to take, and to the extent we take them, to that extent our minds will be renewed and we will be transformed into what God intends for us.

1. The Word

a. We have to know the Word.

John 8: 32 "If you abide in my word, you are My disciples indeed, and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Psalms 19: 7-11 "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting (restoring) the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple..."

b. We have to do the word.

It's not enough to read the word. We must apply it. We must be doers of the word, and not hearers only (James 1: 22).

c. We must be willing to be corrected by the word.

Prov. 3: 11-15 "My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor detest His correction; For whom the Lord loves He corrects, just as a father the son in whom he delights..."

Heb. 12: 11 "Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it."

Correction is important to renewing our minds. We have to be teachable and able to receive rebuke and even chastening. If we cannot be chastened, we are illegitimate and not true children of God (v. 8).

2. Prayer

Mark 1: 35 “Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.”

Luke 5: 16 “So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.”

A renewed mind requires a yielded soul. As we surrender to the Holy Spirit on a daily basis in prayer, we give God the access to our hearts to change us. We also develop an intimacy with the Lord that empowers us and leads us. This is the way we stay continually filled with the Holy Spirit.

3. Fellowship

I John 1: 7 “But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”

Heb. 10: 25 “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”

One of the most effective ways to be changed is by time spent with one another in the body of Christ. There is a synergy, a power that is released when we come together in His name and He is in the midst (Eph. 4: 16).

This includes the amazing power of mentoring. We must learn from examples God gives us in the body. The principle of mentoring is shown to us throughout scripture, in examples such as Moses and Joshua, Elijah and Elisha, Jesus and His disciples, and Paul and Timothy.

