
Renewing the Mind In God's Word

Thought Conditioners

Short Version

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO RENEW YOUR MIND?

It means to begin thinking God's thoughts instead of the world's thoughts. Think about the truth instead of a lie. Feed your brain the stuff that God thinks, His Word, instead of wasting time thinking about what you saw on TV or social media. Your life is changed when you begin to think differently, and the way you live is transformed by renewing your mind.

All you can do is choose what you think on, the things of the Lord vs. the things of the world. If you are occupied with the things of this world, you'll never experience transformation. If you want your mind to be transformed, like a caterpillar into a butterfly, the way you do it is by putting your mind on God through His Word. If you desire to be poured into God's mold, you do it by the Word of God. There is no other system that God has in place.

Long-term change through the renewing of the mind is the master key to all Christian growth. As we give ourselves to continued change and growth, we develop a flow in life that keeps us free from the negativity of stagnation. And we continually move forward in the will of God. Jesus said we must continue in his Word before we can know the truth. But then He said that the truth will set us free.

Those who want a quick fix and don't continue in the truth never see freedom.

Renewal is a law of God. We renew our bodies each day with breakfast, lunch and dinner. We renew ourselves each night through sleep. God wants us to do the same things in our spiritual lives. All of us are growing older physically and God's Word clearly tells us that we should offset this aging process by renewing ourselves spiritually each and every day of our lives.

THE PROBLEM

Why does it seem like our lives aren't working the way we need them to work? Why do we lack the power to live the way we want? Why do we often make so many irrational and self-defeating decisions? Why do we try so hard to change but end up doing the things we hate?

Strongholds of fear, anger, poverty, low self-esteem, pride and selfishness continue to control many Christians years after they are saved. Though they have prayed about them and try to get deliverance, the problem persists. And these things will never change in their lives until they are transformed by the renewing of their minds.

I have gained a much greater understanding of why so many Christians never walk in the peace, joy and freedom of their salvation. We will not live the life Jesus died to give us if we hold onto old, traditional, carnal or negative ways of thinking. But we can walk in the freedom of God's blessed, abundant life through the renewing of our mind.

Do you want to change from being weak, inferior and bound by all kinds of problems into someone who releases and experiences the abundant life of God from within? The word of God reveals that the way to do this is by the renewing of your mind. You must renew your mind to the word of God.

How many Christians hang onto the thoughts and attitudes of the world and never renew their minds to the Word of God? So many stay in their wilderness of depression, sin, stress, poverty or whatever problem may come along,

and they never experience the promised land God has given them. Remember, John 10:10 says, "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

Every problem, weakness or difficulty you have could be solved immediately if you could know the mind of God. But it takes effort, dedication and faithfulness to renew your mind. Mind renewal is not like the new birth. It is a process and doesn't come overnight. Though your spirit is renewed and transformed, your soul must be saved. Saved from what? From the world's influence and thinking.

THE SOLUTION – MEDITATE ON GOD'S WORD - RENEW OUR MINDS - ACHIEVE TRANSFORMATION (Romans 12:1-2)

Jesus has already won the victory. You are more than a conqueror through Him that loves you. When you have the Word of God in your heart, it begins to renew your mind and it will change you. When your mind is renewed, you become convinced these things are true. When this happens, your life will never be the same.

While your spirit is re-created instantly when you make Jesus the Lord of your life, your mind, which is part of the soul, must be changed through an ongoing process. It is not an instantaneous change. It takes commitment, determination and desire to bring it to pass. Making that change is called renewing the mind. And though it is the key to all Christian growth, most Christians do little of it because of a lack of knowledge or a lack of discipline.

Abundant life has been provided! But you must possess it. It won't fall on you like rain from the sky. Daily change is the life destined for every born-again Christian. If you aren't willing to change, renew your mind and go for it, you may live your whole life without receiving much of what God has provided for you. But if you are willing to change and begin renewing your mind, you can start living the abundant life God has provided for you!

Spiritual and mental changes occur as we renew our minds to the Word of God. The transformation of our minds causes us to be different than those in the world. We have a new way of thinking, a new way of acting, a new outlook on life, a new strength and power. We no longer go through the same troubles and despair. When problems do come, we face them with the Word and the Spirit of God, and we overcome them rather than being overcome by them.

I cannot tell you strongly enough how important it is to renew your mind to God's word by planting the seed of His Word in your heart long before you need the fruit of the harvest. It could mean the difference between peace or anxiety/depression, health or sickness, prosperity or poverty, or even life and death.

Christians who have financial challenges should plant financial seeds from God's Word in their hearts. If you have severe sickness in your body, you should continually plant healing seeds in your heart. You cannot plant the seeds continually "without producing any effect."

This takes conscious effort. If you are just going to give God a couple of hours a week, your mind will not be renewed. The Word won't be implanted in you. You might know it with your head, but it's the engrafted Word in your soul that changes you. It's the Word of God that controls your thinking and transforms your life.

Even though it does not make sense to attempt to receive a harvest without planting seeds, this is exactly what many Christians do. Many Christians attempt to receive a harvest of (healing, deliverance, prosperity, etc.) without faithfully planting the seed of the Word in the good soil of their hearts.

The word of God is infinitely above anything on this earth. The word of God is filled with precious supernatural

spiritual seeds that are filled with the living power of God Himself. If you continually plant these precious seeds from God's Word in your heart, you actually are planting the power of Almighty God deep down inside of yourself. If God's Word is planted in your heart, you'll receive. It doesn't matter what you feel — God's Word will produce a miracle.

The number one reason why people aren't receiving from God is because they literally haven't taken the truths of his Word and planted them in their heart.

Do not attempt to intellectualize this process. Continually plant these magnificent spiritual seeds with unwavering faith in Almighty God. If Jesus told you that His Word is a seed and that the good soil to plant these seeds is your heart, that is all you need to know. You should be determined to plant as many seeds as you possibly can into the fertile spiritual soil of your heart.

We need to believe the power and authority that's in God's Word. If you understand what I'm saying, then you will realize that the most important thing you could ever do is just take God's Word and begin planting it in your life.

The Word has to be in your heart for it to begin to release that life. You can't just read it with your eyes and take a little truth into your brain. You have to put it deep down on the inside of you. You must meditate on the Word until it literally takes root on the inside of you. That's when it will just start supernaturally producing.

I didn't see any manifestation of power, victory, joy—anything—until I started renewing my mind and discovering what God had put inside me. As I began acknowledging what He had already done, His presence and power started manifesting in my life. The lives of the people I ministered to began to change. Acknowledging the good things in me in Christ caused my faith to work and produced supernatural results!

The Christian life isn't a process of "getting from God." Instead, it's a process of renewing my mind and learning to release what I've already received. It's much easier to release something I've already got than to go get something I don't yet have!

The Lord has given this revelation that it's not who I am, what I look like, or any other natural thing that will impact the world for him. It's the Word of God that changes people's lives.