

The Message Notes

Message: *Battlefields of the Mind – Renew Your Mind - II*

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Romans 12:2. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (ESV)

Mind versus Brain:

“The mind is the **energy** we use to think, feel, and desire to structure our **thoughts** or the **mindset** of our brain. Your mind and brain are **separate** but are **inseparable**. The mind by **prolonged** energy can change the structure of the brain. This is called **neuroplasticity**.”

Our Salvation – How Our Thoughts Change:

- **Repent** – change the way you think and turn to God – Acts 26:20
- **Convict** - to be **convinced** you are a sinner

Convinced of **sin** is being **convinced** by God’s **Spirit** about sin and your **sinfulness** in contrast to God’s righteousness and judgment. John 16:8, Acts 2:37-38

“If your **mind** is **not convicted** of sin, you will **not repent**. Your **current mindset** will simply impose its **predispositions** to disregard **conviction** of the truth. We call this **strongholds** or **cognitive dissonance**.”

“A man convinced **against his will** is of the **same opinion still**.”

Our Salvation – Mindset Change:

- **Convict** – you are convinced by the Spirit that you are a sinner, of God’s righteousness, and the judgment to come
- **Repent** – you change your mind about your sinful lifestyle and turn to God (separate yourself from the culture)
- **Believe** – you begin to renew your mindset according to Scriptures, so you can be like Christ, Colossians 3:10

Message: Renew Your Mind

1. _____: **v2a.** Do not be **conformed** to this **world** (don't copy the behavior and customs of the culture):

- **feelings** are your guide – how you feel is your rights
- **being happy** is your goal – do what makes you happy
- **judging** is the ultimate sin – you have no right to judge
- **knowing** God is subjective – what I make God to be

“We usually create a God who is **compatible** with our **feelings** and **happiness** and does **not judge** us for our **sinfulness**.”

2. _____: **v2b.** but be **transformed** by the **renewal** of your **mind** (change the way you think - neuroplasticity).

- **Conviction** – you are guilty of sin with remorse
- **Repentance** – change the way you think and turn to God
- **Believe** – you begin to build new thoughts by the Scriptures

Study Joshua 1:8 (NLT)

- **Internalize - Study** this Book of Instruction **continually**
- **Memorize – Meditate** on it day and night so you will be sure to **obey** everything written in it

Meditate – **ponder** beliefs until they become your behavior in thoughts, feelings, and desires, Psalms 119:11

- **Realize** – Only then will you **prosper** and **succeed** in all you do. These are **results of meditating** on the Scriptures and putting them into your mind, so they can become thoughts you put into action.

3. _____: **v3c.** that by **testing** you may **discern** what is the **will of God**, what is **good** and **acceptable** and **perfect**.

Study: 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (NLT)

- **Weapons of Warfare** - Divine Power (Holy Spirit, Scriptures, Faith, and Prayer)
- **Destroys** – strongholds, arguments, and lofty opinions raised against the knowledge of God in your mind and others' minds
- **Capture** – you take every thought into captivity to obey Christ

Example: **Word** Noticeable Difference (W.N.D.) – Hebrews 10:25

How much can be **added to the word** or taken from the word before you **notice the difference?** Without the ability to **discern**, you will **not** be able to **know** what the **good** and **acceptable** and **perfect** will of God is.