

Renewed Mind Upgrade

Your key to power is still the renewed mind, which is, having a mind that tracts on God's Word, and then acts on God's Word believingly. The renewed mind is holding God's Word in your mind and acting according to what it says.

Romans 12:1 I beseech you [I lovingly implore you], therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice [going beyond the call of duty], holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable, [logical] service.

2 And be not conformed to this world: BUT [instead of conforming] be ye transformed [transfigured] by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

We are to get a new quality of mind. We are not to have a mind that conforms to the world's standard.

II Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Why would you want to conform, be like the world whose god is our Father's enemy. Why would we want to live under his rules, do things that he appreciates, actions that would repulse the one true God?

Be different, be godly. Serve Him by learning what He says in the Bible and then have the guts to live it, to stand above the world.

I John 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

I John 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

5 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.

We don't want to conform to the world and the way of the world, but rather we want to follow Jesus Christ and his way.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Thus our day by day decision is to believe what God says, not what the world says about us. Are we for God or for the world, which is in reality against God. We cannot serve God and mammon, the world.

Man is basically God hungry. So he builds massive superstructures of religion with his senses, worshipping that of his own making. Through worldly or natural knowledge, man develops his own philosophy of what life is about, his own religion, magnifying the works of his own hands, and set himself up as God, idolatry.

Man has been so used to calling his own shots that it is difficult to make the transition to God running the show, but it's worth the effort.

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

8 It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

Proverbs 19:21 There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.

Proverbs 16:9 A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.

We do need the Lord to direct our steps according to His revealed Word. This is contrary to the "self made" man image and causes anxiety and even hostility in the natural man's mind. We need to be willing to change our minds to go along with what God wants, even though this may be humbling to our own ego.

On the road to Damascus one man's life was changed forever when the Lord Jesus Christ intervened. Saul, who thought he was doing the will of God, ran into a power greater than himself, and was then given the opportunity to change his life accordingly.

On the road to Calvary one man's life was interrupted by Jesus Christ, and he benefited greatly from the imposition.

Mark 15:21 And they compel one Simon a Cyrenian, who passed by, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to bear his cross.

Alexander and Rufus, Simon's children are known historically as the leaders of the Church in the country of Cyrene.

It may be the last thing most people want to admit to, that they need God's help to direct their lives. In fact most prayers are of the kind that direct God on what He ought to do. Our old man nature is not easily overcome, but with God's help we can overcome our pride and ego and allow Him to bless us, and to take care of us like He wants to.

We "set" our minds to do something, we plan; but God's will which is a higher standard may enter the picture. We have to be willing to accept changes in our plans to God's. We need to be willing to leave room mentally for what God desires.

Romans 1:10 Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you.

11 For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;

12 That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.

The apostle Paul had wanted to go to Rome for some time, but it wasn't the will of God for him to go yet. Eventually he did go, but he had to wait until "the time was right."

II Corinthians 1:17 When I therefore was thus minded, did I use lightness? or the things that I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, that with me there should be yea yea, and nay nay?

Chrysotom's translation [early church father]:

17 Do I plan after the flesh, that the yea with me must be always yea, and the nay always nay, as it is with a man of the world who makes his plans independently of God's overruling of them?

We need to plan. God doesn't expect us to be stupid. But we leave the plans open. If the circumstances change, God can tell us.

People develop a rut in life. They get comfortable. Consistency is many times just carried out in opposition to the truth of God and His Word. It may be in direct opposition to added light that is available. Not allowing for the high standard of the will of God to be done. Pride and self will get in the way.

The one great work of the Spirit is to direct the heart. Man's work always begins at the wrong end to accomplish things. Man begins on the outside, wanting to reform life, make the outer man look good. How truly opposite is the working of the Holy Spirit. True Christianity is what God has done through Christ.

All man's forms of godliness are simply the doctrines and commandments of men which begin with the flesh and continue in fleshly corruption ending in death. But God, who is the Holy Spirit, makes known unto us through His Word the condition of ourselves.

The Holy Spirit shows us our sins and follies, our frailties and our infirmities, our weaknesses and our errors, our faults and our failings. The wisdom of Christ in doing His Father's will rules our walk, and the spirit with which we are filled—that power from on high which energizes us—will bring forth newness of life.

The Word of God directs the renewed mind Christian to the work of Christ—a work begun in grace, which continues in grace in this life and terminates with Christ in His glory. Our completeness in Christ in our renewed mind is the measure to which we will manifest the power of the gift of holy spirit.

The question we must continue to ask ourselves day by day is: Does our walk glorify God? This test tells us whether our walk is under the direction of the Lord or whether we are simply acting by our self-centered senses, diverted from God's Spirit by another spirit.

When we are under the influence of "another spirit," we can be ever so "religious" while totally out of alignment and harmony with God. One spirit is from the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. The other spirit is from the god of this world, who is the devil.

Unfortunately, so many things are said and done as the work of the Holy Spirit of God which are wholly different from anything recorded in the Word of God, and yet religion maintains that they are truth. In reality there is only confusion and God is not the author of confusion, I Corinthians 14:33 says.

So then, whether enemies abound, Satan assaults, days be dark with doubts and fears increasing, even then we are "more than conquerors" through Him who loved us and gave Himself for us. It is the Lord God who must direct our hearts unto love to the end that we will make the same confession as recorded in Psalms.

Psalm 73:22 So foolish was I, and ignorant: I was as a beast before thee.

23 Nevertheless I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me by my right hand.

24 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.

All information to the natural mind comes by way of the five senses. To renew it in an upward fashion we must change what we are feeding it.

So to renew our minds, we first need to change the material we are putting into it. The Word of God is what is needed.

II Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Then once we have God's Word in our mind, we need to control our thinking. We need to try to lead captive every thought.

II Corinthians 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Literal: Demolish your human logic from the high position to which you have lifted it vertically against the knowledge of God which you have known by experience; be wise, lead captive everything to Christ which you have attentively listened to and heard.

It must be available to control what we are thinking. If you have a steady diet of God's Word, it is much easier to put on the mind of Christ, to think the thoughts God would want us to think.

If, however, we are too tired when we come home from work to do nothing but turn on the "idiot box," what are we feeding our mind? So what thoughts will be in our mind? Whatever the devil wants to feed us that evening.

First we need to open the book and put God's thoughts in our mind. Then we control what goes into our mind, and try to concentrate on thinking only Godly thoughts.

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Think on these things, practice these things in your mind and walk.

To continue to be in control of our lives, and minds, we need to remember God, acknowledge His presence. Include God in our decisions.

Finally live love. Do everything you can by manifesting God's love in your renewed mind.

As you build your mind, understanding and heart, you build your believing—your strength or ability in the personal life. When your ability is built on the Word, it builds to the point of utilizing your spiritual ability which is all powerful.

When you learn from God's Word what is the correct behavior, practice until the correct way of behavior replaces the incorrect habits; then the correct way of doing things becomes as effortless as the incorrect way was.

The most difficult part of the renewed mind walk is not learning what is right, but rather the stage of transition, forcing your mind and actions to replace old habit patterns.

Confidence comes with knowledge and experience. First you must acquire a knowledge of God's Word. That is what the apostle Paul did.

Galatians 1:15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace,

16 To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:

17 Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.

What do you think he did in Arabia? He studied the Word!

18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days.

Then he went to Jerusalem for more training.

Once you have learned the Word, then experience in using it and sharing it builds confidence and boldness within you.

Galatians 2:1 Then fourteen years after I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and took Titus with me also.

2 And I went up by revelation, and communicated unto them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to them which were of reputation, lest by any means I should run, or had run, in vain.

Be bold with the things of God, our enemy is!

Sometime, someone must rise up and take a stand for God and the accuracy and integrity of His Word. This is why we in our homes and communities need to begin to bring individuals back to the Word, and this begins with the renewing of our minds and the cleaning up our lives according to the Scriptures.