

Set Your Mind on Things Above #3

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Last week:

Colossians 3:2 - *“Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth”*

Romans 12:2 - *“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...”*

- Conformity vs transformation
- Religion forms us from the outside in = conformity
- Transformation (*metamorphosis*) change from the inside out
- By the Spirit
- Religion demands conformity
- Conformity outside pressure - Negates the need for the Holy Spirit
- Looks the same on the outside - The difference - Life....and Death
- Religion is all about “what you do”; but a Kingdom person's spiritual worth is rooted in “who you are in Christ.”
- It steals one’s spiritual heritage - - Missed destiny
- It carries generational effects
- Until our mind starts undergoing the process of renewal we’ll continue to think, reason and make decisions based on a faulty set of guidelines
- The enemy is always battling for control/influence of our mind
- Taking every thought captive
- Can we control our thoughts? - - Yes...and...No
- *“The mind is a wonderful servant but a terrible master.”*

“Set Your Mind on Things Above”

What is the Mind?

The mind is where we think, reason, process information, form beliefs, make decisions, and interpret our experiences. It is continually being shaped by what we think, hear, believe, and experience. A transformation takes place when we renew our mind. Scripture calls us to take our thoughts captive, set our minds on things above, and bring our thinking under the Lordship of Christ. The goal is not just to think better, but to develop the mind of Christ.

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- Genuine, consistent transformation occurs as the heart is surrendered to the Father
- **Proverbs 4:23** - *“Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.”*
- When the Bible refers to the heart, it is talking about the inner man, spirit man, ..and the human mind’

Renewing our Mind

- From a scientific standpoint the mind can be renewed
- Neuroplasticity - the brain’s ability to change
- You can change your brain by what you choose to believe!
- A lifelong pursuit - remaining teachable and continually growing
- Renewing our mind according to the Word
- **Psalms 119:11** - *“Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.”*
- If you’re not growing in your relationship with the Father,you’ll consistently misinterpret the (His) Word
- *“If you don’t know the Father, you’ll never understand the Word”*
- Example: Bible on CD - *“It just shows me how bad I am”*
- I hear preachers all the time teaching things about God that are inconsistent with the nature of a Father
- I think the Father hates it **(brokenhearted)* - - He’s being misrepresented by the ones who should KNOW Him best!
- Again,this is why I emphasize the extreme importance, but also the simplicity of engaging relationally with Him
- It’s the ONLY THING that works! - - ****It’s the cure for mankind”*
- ***“It’s the SECRET of LIFE!!”***
- Renewing your mind - Developing a ‘new’ (better) way of thinking
- Think according to Biblical/Kingdom principles
- *“A Kingdom mindset doesn’t just give one a different way of seeing the world; it gives one the ONLY CORRECT way of seeing it”. AT*

Obedience to the Word renews your mind

- Bring your thinking in line with the Word
- Often goes against human logic
- Bring your speech in line with the Word
- **Psalm 119:11** - *"Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You"*
- *"Get in the Word 'til the Word gets in you"* AT
- The Holy Spirit is always willing to illuminate the Word
- **Psalm 119:15** - *"I will meditate on Your precepts, And contemplate Your ways"*
- **Psalms 1:1-3** - *"Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper."*

How do you meditate on the Word?

- Pick a verse - Word - Passage - Chapter
- Set your mind on it/them - - and....THINK & LISTEN
- Allow the Spirit to bring light to it
- Jot down the things you hear/learn/the Lord shows you
- Think of how you might flesh it out

Next Week:

- How obedience to the Holy Spirit renews your mind
- How the things you say serve to transform your mind
- How mistakes made can help renew the mind
- Keep your mind busy....but don't overdo it
- Learn to let your mind rest
- How to deal with negative thoughts
- Ways to keep your mind sharp as you age