

THE CHANGE OF LIFE

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Week 2: The Change of Mind

Purification



DAY 1

(Date)

Romans 12:1-2

“Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

Why does what you think matter?

“Let the mind of the Master be the master of your mind.”

Source unknown

How does what you think control your:

Attitudes:

Desires:

Behavior:

“I can read your mind and you ought to be ashamed of yourself!”

DAY 2

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Read Romans 8:6-7 and compare the differences between the mind set on ourselves (flesh) and the mind set on the Spirit:

Flesh: _____

Spirit: _____

What does Romans 7:23 say about this subject?

How have you seen someone's thoughts (maybe your own) wage war against them?

DAY 3 Read James 1:13-15 and describe the process of sin shown here:

(Date)

Sow a Thought... Reap a Deed

Sow a Deed... Reap a Habit

Sow a Habit... Reap a Destiny

According to James 1, what part does the mind play in sinning?

Look up Galatians 6:7. What does this verse say about sowing and reaping?

“A man is what he thinks about all day long.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Watch out!

- Watch your thoughts; they become words.
- Watch your words; they become actions.
- Watch your actions; they become habits.
- Watch your habits; they become character.
- Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

“A man can alter his life by altering his thinking.”

William James

DAY 4

(Date)

Romans 12:2

“But be *transformed* by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

How can I change my mind?

1. You must begin to seek out and welcome the changes that God is making to your mind.

How have you changed in your thinking since knowing Christ?

What are some opinions, attitudes, and incorrect thoughts that you used to have that are different now?

When was the last time you noticed a change?

2. You must focus on your love for God as your number one priority.

Carefully read Jesus' words in Matthew 22:36-38. What did He say the greatest commandment is?

What does your mind have to do with this?

DAY 5

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How can I change my mind?

3. You must set your mind on heavenly things, not on earthly things.

Read Colossians 3:2 and write out what it is saying in your own words.

Give some examples of earthly things:

What are some things you set your mind on?

What do you think it means to “set your mind on things above”?

Give some examples of “things above”:

DAY 6

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(Date)

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How can I change my mind?

4. You must ask God to test your mind frequently.

Read Psalm 26:2 and write out what it is saying in your own words:

If God were to test your mind at this moment, what would He find?

If He were to run the test over the last week, what would His summary be?

When was the last time you asked God to run a test of your mind and update you with the results?

Read Ephesians 4:23 and write out what it is saying in your own words:

5. You must renew your mind.

How do you renew something?

If your cell phone runs dead, how do you renew it to work again?

How do you think you can renew your mind?

Consider what John 15:3 and Psalm 119:9 says about this:

DAY 7

(Date)

Asking the hard questions...

Reflect on this week and answer the following questions:

How have you changed in your way of thinking since Christ has come in ?

If you have not noticed a change, can you see how destructive this is in the building of your relationship to Christ?

What are some practical ways you can change in your mind ?

How do you still think like a lost person?

How will you make yourself accountable to this?
