

The Renewing of the Mind

Rom. 12:2

- I. To be transformed is to be changed from the inside out. It is the formation to the likeness of Jesus Christ from within (2 Cor. 3:18).**

- II. This transformation is to be a progressive experience.**

- III. This transformation is something done within us by the Holy Spirit.**

- IV. This transformation is an obligation which must be realized by the choices we make.**

- V. This transformation is by means of the resources that God has provided.**
 - A. Christian mind renewal requires massive doses of Bible truth accompanied by penetrating application of the truth of the Bible to one's life.**

 - B. Christian mind renewal takes place according to the pattern set forth in Psalm 119:59 "I have considered my ways and have turned my steps to your statutes."**

 - C. Christian mind renewal demands the consistent discipline of meditation on Scripture.**

 - D. Christian mind renewal is stimulated by the discipline of reading good Christian literature (reading books that are faithful to the Scriptures).**

 - E. Christian mind renewal is a never ending process in this life.**

 - F. Christian mind renewal means rejecting the world's thinking and thinking like a Christian.**

- **The world has its mode of thought, its values, and its worldview.**
- **We must develop a Christian mind and learn to think in a Christian way about everything.**

G. Christian mind renewal learns how to see the world and life through the lens of biblical truth.

- **The doctrine of God – God is infinite and personal (triune), transcendent and immanent, omniscient, sovereign and good.**
 - **The supernatural exists. God is beyond us and our world.**
 - **Creation- “God created the cosmos ex nihilo to operate with a uniformity of cause and effect in an open system.”**
 - **The universe is orderly and open.**
 - **God created the universe to show His glory.**
- **The doctrine of revelation – God can and has communicated with us.**
 - **God has taken an active role in communicating with us.**
 - **There are things we must believe (convictions).**
 - **We must stand by those convictions.**

H. Christian mind renewal creates a bold contrast between the Christian and non-Christian understanding of pain and suffering.

I. Christian mind renewal changes the way we think about ourselves and other people.

- **Humanism makes “man the measure of all things.”**
- **The Christian view of man is understood through creation, the Fall, redemption, and glorification.**

How should we then live?