



A Christian Mindset

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. v. 2

I. The world is trying to conform you to fit ____.

Do not be conformed to this world ... v. 2a

II. God is transforming you to stand ____.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed ... v. 2a, b

III. Your transformed mind will help you walk in God's ____.

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Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. 1 Corinthians 2:12-13

A CHRISTIAN MINDSET IS ...

 _____ to God's will. (Prov 14:12)

 _____ God's Word for God's ways. (Ps 119:105)

 _____ how to best reflect Christ in our world. (Jas 1:5)

"Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few." Matthew 7:13-14

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HOME GROUP LESSON & DEVOTIONAL

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His truth and wisdom as you go through this lesson.

1. Read Romans 12:2. Why is “the renewal of your mind” important? (See also Romans 1:21, 28, 8:5-8; Ephesians 4:17-24; Luke 6:43-45.)

2. How does God transform our minds? How must we cooperate in this?

3. What causes us to conform to the world? Name one aspect of the world that is currently tempting you to conform to it.

4. Is there any specific way in which you could apply both verses 1 and 2 of Romans 12 toward the temptation you named in question 3? Also see the passages listed below for insight on putting this into practice.

Romans 8:5,9,12-13

2 Corinthians 3:18

Ephesians 3:14-21; 4:22-24; 5:1

2 Timothy 3:16

Psalms 1:1-3; 119:11

5. According to Romans 12:2, what must happen in order for us to discern, and agree with, God’s will?

6. What points in the sermon were especially convicting or challenging to you? What changes need to happen in your life to allow God to renew your mind, instead of conforming to this world?

“The world wants to control your mind, but God wants to transform your mind (see Eph 4:17-24; Col 3:1-11). This word *transform* is the same as *transfigure* in Matthew 17:2. It has come into our English language as the word *metamorphosis*. It describes a change from within. The world wants to change your mind, so it exerts pressure from without. But the Holy Spirit changes your mind by releasing power from within. If the world controls your thinking, you are a conformer; if God controls your thinking, you are a transformer. God transforms our minds and makes us spiritually minded by using His Word. As you spend time meditating on God’s Word, memorizing it, and making it a part of your inner being, God will gradually make your mind more spiritual (see 2 Cor 3:18). ... We surrender our wills to God through disciplined prayer. As we spend time in prayer, we surrender our will to God and pray, with the Lord, ‘Not my will, but thy will be done.’ We must pray about everything, and let God have His way in everything.”

WARREN WIERSBE

“The Holy Spirit uses Scripture, our experiences, trials and hardship and fellowship with other believers to renovate us from the inside out. Gradually and supernaturally, our minds begin to think as God thinks, desire what God desires, love as God loves, and see things with the same perspective as He sees them. As this becomes a reality, we are able to discern the will of God and to cooperate with Him in accomplishing it (Eph 4:17-24; Col 3:1-11).”

CHARLES SWINDOLL

A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn’t based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God’s love for us. Here’s how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.” (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

“Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.”

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here’s a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you’d like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

HOME GROUPS The Christian life is meant to be lived in community and Home Groups are a great way to do that! Each week you’ll pray, learn and do life with other believers, growing deeper in your faith and helping others do the same. Christian community is one of the best ways for the church to be the church! Find your group at www.ccbcfamily.org/groups.

SPECIAL ONE-DAY EMBARK EVENT Embark is our new “Get to know Christ Chapel” class—great for anyone who wants to learn more about us or is considering membership. This month, we’re offering the three sessions of Embark on one Sunday afternoon! Join us on Sunday, Sept. 29 from 12:45 to 4 p.m. to learn about our beliefs, vision and values. Learn more at www.ccbcfamily.org/embark.

BIBLICAL HERMENEUTICS: INTERPRETING SCRIPTURE WITH DR. MARK BAILEY Are you curious how the Bible fits together as a whole? Have you pondered why certain figures of speech are used in various passages of the Bible? Uncover the answers by coming to a special class taught by Dr. Mark Bailey on Bible Study Methods! Learn more by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/dtsmethods.

VOTER REGISTRATION As we continue to pray for our country during an election year, we wanted to provide you with an easy voter registration option. On Sundays, Sept. 15 and 22, there will be a voter registration table in front of the Garden Room, on the Link Bridge and between the stairs in the Chapel. We hope this is helpful to you! The deadline to register will be Monday, October 7.

LUNCH WITH A MISSIONARY Have you ever wondered about our Global Missions Ministry? Then join us for Lunch With a Missionary! Come fellowship with one another and learn more about how to support the persecuted church worldwide today at 12:30 p.m. in the Oak Room.

AN EVENING WITH JAMIE FINN We are excited to announce that Jamie Finn, author and executive director of *Fostering the Family*, will join us for a special event on Saturday, Sept. 28! Jamie is a passionate advocate for the foster and adoption community, and we are so excited to learn from her knowledge and experience. Come join us as we discover how we can positively impact and support the foster and adoption community. Learn more at www.ccbcfamily.org/forlife.



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