

Ivy Baptist Church
Bible Study
“Master Your Mind: Renewing Your Mind to Please God Pt. 2”
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Goals for the Series:

1. To understand the POWER of our minds!
2. Personal Reflection: How do my thoughts impact my relationship with Christ?

Review: BIBLICALLY, what is the Mind?

- In a GENERAL SENSE: The sum total of a person’s mental and moral state of being
- **In the Old Testament there is no ONE clear word for the mind.**
- Mind is connected to life, heart and soul
- Wisdom is attributed to the mind
- **In the New Testament there are several different thoughts for the mind**
- All point to human reasoning, consciousness and functioning

Today’s Lesson:

More Keys Thoughts on the Mind

- The human brain is not fully developed until around age 25 (source: www.nm.org)
- This is why we make so many bad decisions when we are young!!!
- Satan and culture also use this against us!

Romans 12:1-2: Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.

Key thoughts on Romans 12:1-2:

- Proper worship is to offer our BODIES as a LIVING sacrifice to God
- Proper worship is to NOT be conformed to the pattern of this world (culture)
- Conform: To shape one’s self to a particular pattern: The WORLD’S CULTURE
- Proper worship is to be TRANSFORMED by the RENEWING of your MIND
- Transformed: To change the nature of something
- Renewing: To cause something to be new by being SUPERIOR
- We can’t understand God’s will, His good pleasing and perfect will WITHOUT A CHANGED MIND!!!
- You can’t have a CHANGED LIFE WITHOUT A CHANGED MIND!

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Key Question:

- How has your MIND CHANGED since you started walking with God?

How do you Renew Your Mind?

Philippians 4:8-11

- Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—If anything is excellent or praiseworthy— **THINK ABOUT SUCH THINGS.** 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.
- You have to **RE-TRAIN** your mind to think about **GODLY** things!
- Training requires **DISCIPLINE AND CONSISTENCY**
- **SANCTIFICATION AND HOLINESS** is **ONLY** achieved through **DISCIPLINING YOUR MIND!**

Final Thoughts:

- **Your walk with God will ONLY be as good as your CHANGED MIND**
- **Salvation is RE-TRAINING** our minds from **CULTURE** to **KINGDOM**



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