



ROMANS

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WHO IS THE MASTER OF YOUR MIND?

“A man is what he thinks about all day long.”
~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

The way we think shapes how we live.

“The mind, once stretched by a new idea, never returns to its original dimensions.”
~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Romans 12:2

(Phillips) *Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mould, but let God re-mould your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good, meets all his demands and moves towards the goal of true maturity.*

(NKJV) *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

1. Beware that this world will **try** to **squeeze** you.
 - a. Romans 12:2a *And do not be...* [like this world]

- b. 2 Corinthians 4:4 *Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.*
 - c. Proverbs 4:23 *Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.*
 - d. 2 Thessalonians 3:2-3 *And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith. 3 But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one.*
 - e. Philippians 4:6-7 *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*
2. Do not be conformed to a **sinful lifestyle**.
- a. Romans 12:2 *And do not be conformed to this world...*
 - b. The word "conformed" or "fashioned" comes from the Greek word *schema*.
3. Be **transformed** by **renewing**.
- a. Romans 12:2b *...but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...*
 - b. Matthew 17:2 *Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; 2 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.*
 - c. 2 Corinthians 3:18 *But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.*
 - d. Colossians 3:2 *Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.*
 - e. Psalm 51:10-12 *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. 11 Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit.*
 - f. Matthew 22:37 *Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."*
 - g. Psalm 26:2 *Test me, Lord, and try me, examine my heart and my mind;*

4. What does a **renewed mind** look like?
 - a. 1 Corinthians 2:16 ...*But we have the mind of Christ.*
 - b. Psalm 19:14 *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.*

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5. A renewed mind thinks in line with **God's will** for your life.
 - a. Romans 12:2 *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*
 - b. **Three keys for knowing God's will:**
 - i. A **yielded** body.
 - ii. A **separated** life.
 - iii. A **transformed** mind.