

The Necessity of Renewing the Mind

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Scripture References:

- Romans 12:1-3
- Romans 12:2, *AMPC*
- James 4:4
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
- 2 Corinthians 10:3, *NIV*
- 1 John 2:16
- 1 John 2:15-17, *MSG*
- 1 John 5:4, 5
- Philippians 2:5-8
- 2 Corinthians 10:4-6, *AMPC*
- Isaiah 55:7-9
- 1 Corinthians 15:33, *NIV*
- Proverbs 13:20
- Proverbs 13:20, *NLT*
- Proverbs 13:20, *MSG*
- Proverbs 12:1
- Proverbs 12:1, *NLT*
- 1 Samuel 15:23

Summary:

*Next to getting born again, the most important thing we could ever do as believers is to renew our minds. This renewal is not a one-time event, but an ongoing, lifetime process. Renewing our minds is critical because an unrenewed mind is hostile to God. Worldly thinking is deadly to the Christian because it is attuned to the things of the world instead of to the things of God; letting His mindset change **our** mindsets completely transforms our entire lives.*

Notes:

1. God tells believers to renew their minds; this is a commandment, not a suggestion. Renewing our minds isn't optional for Christians—it's vital that we do this.
2. We mustn't love the world's mindset; faith in Jesus helps us overcome its influence. God defines for us what is worldly; worldliness is enmity toward Him.
3. We're in spiritual warfare; therefore we must train our minds to resist worldly thoughts. We can use the Word of God to pull down every thought that goes against Him. We do that not simply by thinking His Word in our minds but actually by *speaking* it out loud.
4. It matters who we hang out with; the people we associate with influence our thinking.
5. We can't change unless we *want* to change; the world is filled with people who shrink back from correction because they want to stay the same.

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