

RENEWING THE MIND by Jarrod Davidoff November 14, 2021

In our study for renewing the mind we must first understand that we are a three-part being, made up of our spirit, soul, and body.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole **spirit, soul, and body** be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **24** He who calls you *is* faithful, who also will do *it*.

1. OUR SPIRIT

We are spiritual beings.

Our spirit is our supernatural being that is either dead or alive. Our spirits will live forever.

We are spiritually dead to God if our spirits are separated from him by sin, yet if our sins are forgiven and we accept His atonement for us through Jesus, then we are made alive in Him.

Ephesians 2:1 And you ***He made alive***, who were dead in trespasses and sins, **2** in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air (**THE DEVIL. That's why he has so much influence, control and power in the media. They are being manipulated by him. They do his bidding. Some knowingly but most unknowingly**), the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, **3** among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and **of the mind**, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

(you see the battleground is the mind)

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,
5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ

WE WERE THE WALKING DEAD, NOW WE ARE ALIVE.

Let's take a closer look at our souls.

2. OUR SOUL CONSISTS OF OUR

- MIND

Merriam Webster Dictionary

a: the element or complex of elements in an individual that feels, perceives, thinks, wills, and especially reasons

b: the conscious mental events and capabilities in an organism

c: the organized conscious and unconscious adaptive mental activity of an organism

When we give our lives to Jesus our Spirits are born again and we become new creatures. However our minds have to be renewed to the word of God.

I used to think that when we became Christians we became perfect, that people became perfect, but OH BROTHER was our wrong. I couldn't understand why Christians can be

- so mean
- so selfish

- so untrustworthy
- unethical
- no integrity

That's because they are not allowing the Holy Spirit and Word to change them or influence them.

The mind is a powerful driving force and can either drive you to success or failure.

When we fill our minds with God's word and use our WILL to ACT on God's word we start to see Godly success in our lives.

Our minds dictate our emotions. If we harbor truth in our minds, then our emotions follow the truth in our minds.

- WILL

- Merriam Webster Dictionary

Is used to express determination, insistence, persistence, or willfulness

Some people are born with a strong will OR they may develop it over time and experience.

Strong willed people are determined and passionate about various causes.

God uses strong willed people. I am a strong willed person. When the Lord speaks to me I become determined to do what He has called me to do despite the

financial implications or human support.

Yet as strong willed as you may be you need to submit to the Word of God and be willing to repent if you have missed it.

James 1:12 Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

Romans 12:11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

Psalms 119:28 My soul melts from heaviness;
Strengthen me according to Your word.

2 Thessalonians 2:16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given *us* everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, **17** comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.

Luke 21:19 By your patience possess your souls.

Luke 21:19 For if you stand firm, you will win your souls. (**THE LIVING BIBLE**)

There is something about strong willed people that never give up. We love them. They show us in life that things are worth fighting for. No matter how many times you get knocked down, get up

- EMOTIONS

- Merriam Webster Dictionary

a: a conscious mental reaction (such as anger or fear) subjectively experienced

as strong feeling usually directed toward a specific object and typically accompanied by physiological and behavioral changes in the body **b**: a state of feeling

c: the affective aspect of consciousness

We need to have Godly emotions not worldly emotions.

The two are quite different.

Remember Jesus being whipped, nailed, crucified. It was an intense emotional experience. JESUS ENDURED IT AS A MAN. He felt it. YET HE SAID 'Father forgive.'

We would have said FATHER ATTACK

Matthew 9:36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin.

Godly emotions stir your spirit to act righteously

Ungodly emotions stir your will and mind to act sinfully with greed, lust, malice, revenge

Don't be purely led by your emotions.

As an evangelist since 2000 I never really spent a lot of time with Christians as my team and I were purely doing outreaches.

Yet since becoming a pastor I have seen up close how emotional people get and they make bad life choices. I have seen some people leave the church over the most immature reasons, not scriptural at all.

Emotional people are easily offended. It's time to grow up folks.

3. OUR BODY

1 Corinthians 6:19 Or do you not know that your **body** is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? **20** For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service.

1 Corinthians 6:18 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. **19** Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? **20** For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

WHAT ARE WE DOING NOW? WE RENEWING OUR MINDS.

Our body houses our spirit. It's like our earth suit. It's important to look after our bodies as this determines the quality and quantity that we can do for the Lord.

That's why it's important to eat well, sleep enough and exercise so that our bodies can sustain us so that we have energy to do all the Lord has called us to. We live in a fallen world where the forces of media, politics, advertising, social media and social pressure PERSUADE us to view ourselves and others through an impure lens.

We also have evil spiritual forces constantly bombarding us and attempting to influence us to talk, act and react in their ways.

Yet through this all God our Heavenly Father has given us spiritual tools and weapons to fight back and position ourselves to live and lead successful lives.

Let us look at:

Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed (**LIKE**) to this world, but be transformed (**CHANGED**) by the renewing (**RENOVATION**) of your mind (**INTELLECT, IDEAS**), that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Let's break this down

1. DO NOT BECOME LIKE THIS WORLD

Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed (**LIKE**) to this world,

James 4:4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. **5** Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"?

Galatians 5:7 You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? **8** This persuasion does not *come* from Him who calls you. **9** A little leaven leavens the

whole lump.

Romans 1:8 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, **19** because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. **20** For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, **21** because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. **22** Professing to be wise, they became fools, **23** and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, **25** who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

26 For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. **27** Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; **29** being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, **30** backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, **31** undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; **32** who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

My friends, we need to be rooted and grounded in the word. We need to feast on the word, teach the word, as much as possible.

2. BE TRANSFORMED

Romans 12:2 ...but be transformed (**CHANGED**) by the renewing (**RENOVATION**) of your mind (**INTELLECT, IDEAS**)

In the past 2 weeks I saw 2 ladies of Eastern Europe begging on street corners with 2 kids. Teeth green and black, I gave them money and said COME TO CHURCH. I'll introduce you to people that can help find you a job.

I gave the invitation. They need to respond.
God gives the invitation, yet we need to respond.

2 Corinthians 3:12 Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech— **13** unlike Moses, *who* put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away. **14** But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the *veil* is taken away in Christ. **15** But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. **16** Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. **17** Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty. **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, (HOW?) just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

3. YOU ARE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND

If you want to get to where God wants you you need to change your mind. You need to train yourself to be God conscious. You need to change your mind to see things from God's perspective.

He has given you the mind of Christ positionally, so you need to trust in that experientially.

When you are facing a challenge, an opportunity, a trial, a temptation, you need to have GOD'S MIND and ideas.

Joshua 1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. **For then** you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Ephesians 4:23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, (**condition of your mind**)

2 Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind

1 Peter 1:13 Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest *your* hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; **14** as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, *as* in your ignorance;

4. GOD'S GOOD AND ACCEPTABLE AND PERFECT WILL

Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed (**LIKE**) to this world, but be transformed (**CHANGED**) by the renewing (**RENOVATION**) of your mind (**INTELLECT, IDEAS**), that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Jeremiah 1:5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;
Before you were born I sanctified (**SET YOU APART**) you;
I ordained (**INVESTED power, authority, favor, an assignment**) you a prophet to
the nations.”

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
6 In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.

WITH GOD THERE IS NO PLAN B,C,D.

With humans there is a plan A-Z.
Well if this doesn't work out I can do this or that....blaaah, blaaah, blaaah.

YET WHEN READING THIS IT JUST SEEMS THAT THE LORD LEAVE SOME
UNDERSTANDING LEAWAY REGARDING HIS PERFECT WILL FOR OUR LIVES.

Lets take for example:

1. The thief on the cross crucified with Jesus I would say his good and acceptable was getting saved YET God's perfect will for his life was something greater
2. Gods good and acceptable for David was that he was a worshiper and warrior yet he sinned by committing adultery with Bathsheba and orchestrating her husband's death. God certainly used Him, yet his choices had detrimental consequences to his own life and that of his children.

YET GOD'S PERFECT will was that he didn't sin like this and then his life's outcome and that of his eternal legacy would have been far more greater.

To put it in simple terms, GOD will use what you give Him yet there is so much

more.

WHEN WE ARE NOT CONFORMED TO THE WORLD, WHEN WE HAVE A RENEWED MIND THEN WE CAN HEAR CLEARLY FROM THE LORD TO RECEIVE HIS PLAN FOR OUR LIVES.

Be renewed to know what God's perfect will is for your life.

Most people don't know what God's perfect Will is as they haven't received instruction.

A. THE GIFTS and CALL of God are without Repentance

Romans 11:29 For the gifts and the calling of God *are* irrevocable. (NKJV)

Meaning of Irrevocable: not able to be changed, reversed, or recovered; final.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE to accept God's plan for your life BUT UNLESS you renew your mind and get into God's word and live for His kingdom, you will not be in a place to receive His perfect plan for your life.

SIR JAMES DYSON

You know that frustrating feeling when you don't get something on the first attempt?

Multiply that by 5,126 because that's the number of failed prototypes Sir James Dyson went through over the course of 15 years before creating the eponymous best-selling bagless vacuum cleaner that led to a net worth of \$4.5billion.

THOMAS EDISON

In what might be at once the most discouraging statement and worst teaching practice of all time, Thomas Edison was told by his teachers he was 'too stupid to learn anything'.

Edison went on to hold more than 1,000 patents, including the phonograph and practical electric lamp. Death most likely spared his teachers the ignominy of their incorrect assessment.

ALBERT EINSTEIN

His name is synonymous with intelligence yet it wasn't always that way for Albert Einstein. As a child he didn't start speaking until he was four, reading until he was seven, and was thought to be mentally handicapped.

He went on to win a Nobel Prize and altered the world's approach to physics. I guess he was just thinking of the right thing to say for those first four years...

THEODOR SEUSS GEISEL

Known to generations as Dr Seuss, the much-loved children's author had his first book rejected by 27 different publishers.

His books that weren't good enough for these publishers went on to sell more than 600 million copies worldwide.

ELVIS PRESLEY

"You ain't goin' nowhere, son. You ought to go back to driving' a truck."

These are the words that greeted Elvis Presley after his first performance at the Grand Ole Opry, after which he was promptly fired. Disposing of the keys to the truck, Presley went on to become the world's biggest star with a legacy that endures.

MICHAEL JORDAN

Either he was part of the greatest high school roster of all time or his coach made a huge mistake in cutting Michael Jordan from his high school basketball team. Six Championships and five MVPs later, Jordan became arguably the greatest basketball player of all time.

Jordan famously said:

“I have missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I have lost almost 300 games. On 26 occasions I have been entrusted to take the game winning shot, and I missed. I have failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed.”

COLONEL SANDERS KFC

22,621 locations globally in 150 countries as of December 2019

B. KNOW THE CONSTITUTION

When you join a new company they have an operating system of how things work. Leadership structure, reporting system, department integration, code of conduct etc.

If you come in arrogantly and don't submit to this structure you are not going to do well in the company.

In the same way, God's kingdom has a constitution, a code of Cody etc..

John 15:4 Abide (**accept or act in accordance with**) in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

John 15:7 If you abide (**accept or act in accordance with**) in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. **8** By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

C. BE OBEDIENT TO GOD'S PERFECT WILL

Isaiah 1:19 If you are willing and obedient,
You shall eat the good of the land;
20 But if you refuse and rebel,
You shall be devoured by the sword";
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

I have chosen in life to be willing and obedient

Blessings follow the brave

I have known many that were called by God to do great things, gifted and talented, charismatic. Yet they never did. WHY?

FEAR - what if God doesn't provide?

Proverbs 29:25 The fear of man brings a snare,
But whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.

How do you trust in the Lord? You trust in His reputation. What He promises in His Word. What He has done for others He will do for me for I am His beloved.

I am His child, anointed and appointed.