

Course III

GOD MAN

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Lesson 1

Renewing Your Mind Part 1

Lesson Objective. To understand the importance of renewing your mind.

Lesson Overview.

This is part one of a two part series. The objective of both parts is the same. There may be some repetition, however, this is meant to emphasize certain fundamental concepts and principles necessary to renew your mind. The moment you pray the sinner's prayer, and mean it in your heart, you are born of the Spirit of God. Unfortunately, our mind doesn't transform at the same time. God has given each of us a soul which is made up of a mind, will, and emotions. As bad as God wants us to be saved, he will not force us to make that decision. Each of us has a will and we must make this personal decision. It is the same will that must be used to renew our minds. God tells us not to be conformed to this world, but to transform, or change ourselves, by the renewing of our minds. We must consciously renew our minds through the Word. God needs us to renew our minds so that we can be available in season and out of season to do His will.

The Word tells us to love the Lord with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might. Every thought in your being must be in line with the Word. Just think for one second; it only takes one negative thought in your mind to not commit to God with all your mind. Therefore, we know that the battle must be in the mind. The enemy will constantly try to put doubt into your thought life. He knows that just as you chose to accept Christ, you can choose to reject Him. The enemy will try to meet you where you are weakest. Therefore, you

must constantly remind the devil that the old man is dead. If we change the way we think by what we read, what we view, and what we speak, we can restrict access to the enemy.

Key Scriptures:

I Thessalonians 5:16

I Thessalonians 5:19

Matthew 16:24-26

Matthew 22:37

Romans 12:2

Proverbs 4:20-22

Hebrew 5:8

Hebrews 10:38

Ephesians 4:23

Ephesians 4:29

Review Questions.

1. How are we told to love God? Matthew 22:37

2. How must we transform our minds? Romans 12:2

3. What are we told to do with God's Word? Proverbs 4:21

4. What will happen if we drawback, or backslide? Hebrews 10:38

5. Where must we be renewed? Ephesians 4:23

Practical Application. Determine how you can apply the principles in this lesson to a current situation in your life. On a separate piece of paper, describe the situation and note the date you began applying the principles. Practice these principles until they become ingrained in your daily walk. You must continue to stand on the principles in God's Word in order to see the desired results.

Recommended Reading List: See Appendix A.

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Lesson 2

Renewing Your Mind Part 2

Lesson Objective. To understand the importance of renewing your mind.

Lesson Overview.

This is part two of a two part series. The objective of both parts is the same. There may be some repetition, however, this is meant to emphasize certain fundamental concepts and principles necessary to meet this lesson objective. God's ultimate desire is to completely own us--spirit, soul, and body. God can not fully inhabit our minds unless they are completely renewed. The Word tells us that we must gird up the loins of our minds, and to have a sober mind. Because we have a new nature, the Word tells us that we have the mind of Christ. As we learned in the last lesson, the mind is the enemy's battlefield. It is our responsibility to restrict access to the enemy, and to win that battle. We must implant the nature of Christ by completely transforming our minds through the Word. The effort we put forth will determine our availability and giftings to do His work.

The enemy will try to put flashbacks of the old man into your thought life. You must be strong and remind him that not only are those thoughts from an old man, they are from a dead man. God has completely cleansed us of our sins. You must make a conscious decision to let go of the past and reach for those things hoped for ahead. You must reach forward and press toward the mark of the high calling. What you think will determine what and how you will do it. If your thought life is in line with the Word and God's vision, you are free to do His will.

Remember not to lean unto your own understanding or intellect, but trust God, and He will direct you in all your paths.

Key Scriptures:

Luke 11:33-36

Proverbs 3:5-6

Proverbs 15:4

Proverbs 26:20-22

Proverbs 28:9

I Peter 1:13-14

I Peter 2:11

James 1:13

James 1:5-8

James 3:14-18

James 4:1-8

Philippians 3:13-16

Isaiah 55:7-9

Isaiah 55:11

Romans 8:6

Romans 8:24-25

I Corinthians 3:1-3

I Corinthians 3:16-17

I Corinthians 14:2-6

I Corinthians 14:13

Hebrews 12:14-15

Review Questions.

1. How can we be sure God's Word will do what it says it will do? Isaiah 55:11

2. What kind of hope are we saved by? Romans 8:24

3. What is the light of the body? Luke 11:34

4. Why must you stay in God’s Word for prayer to be effective? Proverbs 28:9

5. How do you get the devil to flee from you and get closer to God? James 4:7-8

Practical Application. Determine how you can apply the principles in this lesson to a current situation in your life. On a separate piece of paper, describe the situation and note the date you began applying the principles. Practice these principles until they become ingrained in your daily walk. You must continue to stand on the principles in God’s Word in order to see the desired results.

Recommended Reading List: See Appendix A.

Lesson 3

Preserved Blameless Part 1

Lesson Objective. To understand how you are held blameless in God's eyes.

Lesson Overview. This is part one in a two part series. There may be some repetition, however, this is meant to emphasize certain fundamental concepts and principles necessary to meet this lesson objective. The Word says that Christ came to give life, and to give it more abundantly; while the devil came to steal, kill, and destroy. The devil will do everything he can to steal your joy and destroy your happiness. His number one tool is a past that he tries to blackmail you with. What the devil refuses to admit is that he was defeated two thousand years ago at Calvary. When you accepted Christ, and were born again, you were forgiven once and all for every sin you ever committed. You now have both the Holy Spirit and the blood of Christ flowing within you. The Word says that where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty, and that you are cleansed by the blood of Christ. We also know because He no longer remembers our sins and iniquities, and that there is no condemnation for the past actions of those that are now in Christ. Therefore, we know we are cleansed of all unrighteousness.

This must become a rhema in your spirit and the truth in your life. Man is a triune being; spirit, soul, and body. God has taken care of your spirit. You must take responsibility for your soul; your mind, will, and emotions. Once you begin to renew your soulical being, you will be able to get your flesh under control. You must learn to stay in communion with God. He told us to eat the bread of life and drink from His cup which are both contained in the Word. The more we regenerate ourselves through the washing of the Word, the

healthier we will become. Again, this is a personal decision, and must be a continual process. As you transform your mind, you will begin to yield and allow God the access He needs to do His will.

Key Scriptures:

I Corinthians 6:17-20

I Corinthians 10:16:17

I Corinthians 10:26-30

I Corinthians 11:23-25

Ezekiel 18:4

Leviticus 17:11

James 2:26

James 3:8

John 1:12-14

John 19:34

Hebrews 10:16-17

Isaiah 58:6-12

I John 2:12

I John 3:19-23

I John 5:4-8



Review Questions.

1. What shall happen to the soul who sins? Ezekiel 18:4

2. Why is your body holy? I Corinthians 6:19

3. What is it that makes atonement for the souls? Leviticus 17:11

4. What is our relationship to the Father once we received His Son? John 1:12

5. What are the three that bear witness in heaven, and the three on earth? I John 5:7-8

Practical Application. Determine how you can apply the principles in this lesson to a current situation in your life. On a separate piece of paper, describe the situation and note the date you began applying the principles. Practice these principles until they become ingrained in your daily walk. You must continue to stand on the principles in God’s Word in order to see the desired results.

Recommended Reading List: See Appendix A.

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Lesson 4

Preserved Blameless Part 2

Lesson Objective. To understand how you are held blameless in God's eyes.

Lesson Overview.

This is part two of a two part series. The objective of both parts is the same. There may be some repetition, however, this is meant to emphasize certain fundamental concepts and principles necessary to meet this lesson objective. Jesus gave His whole life for us; spirit, soul, and body. That is exactly how He wants us; spirit, soul, and body. We know that we have a new spirit man, but we must renew our minds and take control of our bodies. We must make the choice to live in the spirit and to walk by faith. Paul said that he died daily to Christ. We need to decide each day that we will let Christ rule in our lives. The Word must get into our spirit, then into our minds so that we can pray it back to the Father. If you consistently wait until you need help to pray, you have waited too long.

As you begin to fill your spirit and mind with the Word, you will project an image of God. If you don't do this, then you will be non committal and indecisive. The mind of Christ is based on the Word of God. If you do not fully transform your mind, you will fall beneath your privileges by allowing access to the enemy. The God kind of man only speaks to the enemy from a position of victory. On the other hand, an unregenerated mind will consistently battle frustration. As you keep God on your mind and heart, He will keep you and lead you unto all truth. If your mind, will, emotions, attitudes, and convictions are on God, you will not have second thoughts, and you will never fail.

Key Scriptures:

Acts 14:8-10

Acts 19:11-20

Acts 16:16-18

Review Questions.

1. Why could Paul heal the man at Lystra? Acts 14:9

2. By what authority did Paul drive the demon from the damsel of Thyatira? Acts 16:18

Practical Application. Determine how you can apply the principles in this lesson to a current situation in your life. On a separate piece of paper, describe the situation and note the date you began applying the principles. Practice these principles until they become ingrained in your daily walk. You must continue to stand on the principles in God's Word in order to see the desired results.

Recommended Reading List: See Appendix A.

Lesson 5

Your High Call

Lesson Objective. To understand how to live to your full potential in Christ.

Lesson Overview.

It is God's desire that we sell out, or yield ourselves completely to Him—spirit, soul, and body. However, too often Christians focus on natural problems. That is just another tool of the devil. The devil will do all that he can to take our central focus away from God. We must be aware of his wiles so that we can properly defend ourselves. We must remember that these natural problems are a truth, a temporary state, but not the truth. The truth is contained in the Word, and we are told to worship God in spirit and truth. Jesus tells us not to be anxious over natural circumstances. He says that even the lilies of the field are clothed in majesty, and then asks if we are not more important to the Father than lilies that are here today and gone tomorrow. We are told to seek first the kingdom of God and that all these things will be added to us. Does the Word not tell us that all our needs will be met according to His riches in glory?

The kingdom of God is not a faraway place, or an incomprehensible concept. On the contrary, the kingdom resides within us. All God wants us to do is to trust Him and yield ourselves so that we can have an intimate relationship with each other. Not only does He want to work in our lives, but He wants to prepare us to preach His Gospel to save more souls. To develop this relationship, He has provided access to Him, through the Holy Spirit, in the name of His Son. Our relationship with God is developed and strengthened through reading the Word, meditating upon it, quoting it, praying it back to the Father, and singing psalms and praises to

Him. To make this relationship work, you must allow God to be more alive in your life than you are.

Key Scriptures:

Matthew 6:25

Matthew 6: 33

Joshua 1:8-9

Psalms 1:1-3

I Timothy 4:8

I Timothy 4:11

Galatians 1:15-16

Galatians 2:20

Ephesians 1:17-19

II Corinthians 10:17

II Corinthians 12:10

11 Corinthians 13:3-4

Acts 13:1-12

Review Questions.

5. Why should we be of good courage and strong in all that we do? Joshua 1:9

Practical Application. Determine how you can apply the principles in this lesson to a current situation in your life. On a separate piece of paper, describe the situation and note the date you began applying the principles. Practice these principles until they become ingrained in your daily walk. You must continue to stand on the principles in God's Word in order to see the desired results.

Recommended Reading List: See Appendix A.

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Lesson 6

Transformation of the Mind

Lesson Objective. To understand how to renew your mind through the Word of God.

Lesson Overview. Decisions we make must be in line with the responsibility and information we learn according to the Word of God. God wants believers to know what He says and to be totally and completely dominated by His influence. Our decisions and our actions are a direct link to our thought life. To be a champion in Christ, your thought life must be rooted in the Lord's report. His report is His Word and His promises. The steps to success depend on what you do with the Word that you know. The Bible talks about ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Your thought life is the key to your destiny. What a man thinks about is what he becomes. If a man yields to the report of the Lord one day, and the report of the world the next, he is unstable.

A double minded man will receive nothing from the Lord. The world's way of thinking is diametrically opposed to the way of God. The Spirit, or anointing, will always work with the Word. If a Christian is believing for something, he must stand on God's promises; and not be moved by the circumstances. What you fill your mind with will determine how far you go in God. One key to transforming your mind is to meditate upon the scriptures. This keeps the believer steadfast and consistent; not allowing any place to the devil. A Christian's battlefield is his mind. You must recognize which thoughts are not from God and abort them before they abort your call.

Key Scriptures:

James 1:8

Romans 8:6

Romans 12:2

II Timothy 3:1-7

Luke 9:46-48

Proverbs 12:5

Review Questions.

1. How is a believer inconsistent and unstable? James 1:8

2. What does the Word say about the thoughts of the righteous and the wicked?

Proverbs 12:5

3. How should you conform? Romans 12:2

4. What are the benefits of being spiritually minded? Romans 8:6

Practical Application. Determine how you can apply the principles in this lesson to a current situation in your life. On a separate piece of paper, describe the situation and note the date you began applying the principles. Practice these principles until they become ingrained in your daily walk. You must continue to stand on the principles in God's Word in order to see the desired results.

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