

# A RENEWED MIND – WHAT IT IS

## INTRO

If we would begin to believe and think in line with what God says about us, we would find an entirely new fullness and freshness in our life. All godly behavior patterns, actions, and lifestyles begin with right believing and thinking. Knowing what a renewed mind is helps us to know if our believing and thinking is on the right track.

### I. A Renewed Mind is a Changed Mind.

- A. Romans 12:1, 2.
  - 1. When our mind is renewed it is changed or transformed.
  - 2. It is a change in the way we are accustomed to thinking into the way God thinks.
  - 3. We think and view things like God does.
- B. Isaiah 55:8, 9.
  - 1. We do not automatically think like God for our thoughts are not His thoughts.
  - 2. On any given subject God's thoughts are higher, wiser, and better.

### II. A Renewed is a Christ Mind.

- A. 1 Corinthians 2:16.
  - 1. We have the mind of Christ in our spirit, given to us by the grace of God.
  - 2. The mind of Christ is already in our spirit and the renewing process forms it in our natural mind.
- B. Philippians 2:5.
  - 1. We are to “let” the mind that was in Christ be in us.
  - 2. It will not happen unless we “let” it.
  - 3. It is the same word used in Colossians 3:2 as, “Set your affection on...” and literally means to exercise the mind or to interest oneself in.
  - 4. The opposite of a Christ mind is a carnal mind Romans 8:5-7. A carnal mind is not necessarily a dirty mind but a mind set on the flesh and not the spirit.

### III. A Renewed Mind is a Convinced Mind.

- A. Romans 8:31-39
  - 1. When your mind is renewed you become convinced that what God says about something is the truth. God said it and that settles it.
  - 2. Persuaded in v. 38 means strongly convinced.
  - 3. No more reasoning, debating, or confusion.
- B. Convinced people are confident and assured.
  - 1. Your belief becomes unshakeable 2 Thessalonians 2:2.
  - 2. You become single-minded James 1:6-8.
  - 3. You have settled the issue in your mind and there is no more questioning, wondering, or wavering.

### IV. A Renewed Mind is a Can Do Mind.

- A. Philippians 4:13.
  - 1. Negativity, excuses, and alibis disappear from your vocabulary.
  - 2. The language of limitation is changed into the language of accomplishment.
- B. James 1:21, 22.
  - 1. A renewed mind does the Word or is a doer of the Word.
  - 2. We move from knowing to doing and from knowledge to action.
  - 3. The Word is able to save your soul but it doesn't renew it until you act.
  - 4. People with renewed minds don't just believe the Bible they do it.

## **V. A Renewed Mind is a Conquered Mind.**

- A. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5.
  - 1. The mind is a battlefield.
  - 2. It is the place where the Word and the devil meet.
  - 3. His influence and control needs cast down and flung away.
  - 4. The warfare is in the mind before it goes anywhere else to influence our behavior.
- C. 2 Corinthians 4:4.
  - 1. The god of this world concentrates his efforts on the mind.
  - 2. Control the mind and control the man.
  - 3. The soul is the pivotal place of the battle and his control over our mind is what kept us unsaved.
  - 4. The devil is not going to snare you into any habitual sin until he gets to your mind.
  - 5. We have to kill the devil in our mind and thoughts.

## **VI. A Renewed Mind is a Controlled Mind.**

- A. Philippians 4:8.
  - 1. We are to control what we think on. It must be possible or it would be unjust to be required to do it.
  - 2. We are given a guide to sort out and judge every thought.
  - 3. We must not only cast down bad thoughts but also think on the right thoughts.
- B. The Word demands total concentration. We are to think on these things.
  - 1. Disobedience to God can be with our mind.
  - 2. Disobedience is not just what we do with our outward man but also our inward man.
  - 3. We don't always outwardly see the cause of failure in people's lives. The failure can be what they are doing inside in their mind and thoughts, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he..." Proverb 23:7.
  - 4. We are not responsible to be a steward over other people's thoughts; we are stewards over our own thoughts.