

Thriving in the New Counter-culture: A Study of Romans 12-16 – Week Two

Renewing Your Mind

Romans 12:2b and Others

Introduction: To apply the truth of Romans 12:2 “being transformed by the renewing of our mind” we must strongly guard what goes in to it.

1. *FIRST PROBLEM – Your mind is a battlefield on the inside.*

- A. It’s a battlefield on the inside because the human mind is fallen. Jer. 17:9
- B. The good news is that you have the mind of Christ. 1 Cor. 2:16

2. *SECOND PROBLEM – You mind is a battlefield because of what comes in from the outside.*

- A. The good news is that God himself can inject thoughts into your conscious mind. John 16:8
- B. The bad news is that Satan can also interject thoughts into your conscious mind. Eph. 6:17

3. *FIRST DISCIPLINE – Guard what you put into your mind.*

- A. The principle – The eye is the lamp of the body. Matthew 6:22-23.
- B. The explanation – The mind works on three levels.
- C. Our mind works through _____. Matt. 6:22-23
- D. Our mind works through _____. Col. 2:8
- E. Our mind works through _____. 2 Tim. 4:10
- F. Summary.

4. *SECOND DISCIPLINE – Move toward singleness of mind.*

- A. The human mind does not like contradiction; the mind needs a sense of coherence. Luke 16:13
- B. This becomes especially important once you come to Christ. 2 Timothy 2:22; James 4:8; 1 John 3:3; Matthew 5:8