



RENEWING THE MIND

A. The Mind Must Come into Harmony with the Re-Created Spirit

1. Romans 12:1-2 – “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God” (v.2).
 - a. Ephesians 4:22-24 – “And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness” (vv.23- 24).
2. The mind has been governed by sense knowledge; it is a world-ruled mind.
3. The mind cannot grasp spiritual things.
 - a. 1 Corinthians 2:14 – “But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”
4. The senses are the teachers of the brain. The brain has no way of acquiring knowledge but through the senses. This is known as “sense knowledge.”

B. Wisdom Comes from God to the Re-Created Spirit

1. Two kinds of wisdom
 - a. James 3:15-17 – “This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish” (v.15). “But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy” (v.17).
2. Wisdom: the ability to use knowledge.
3. When the Holy Spirit comes in, He brings the wisdom of the Father and begins to build it in us. He opens the Word and makes it a living thing to us.

C. What is Spirituality

1. Spirituality is the re-created spirit gaining the ascendancy over the reasoning faculties and ruling the whole man.
2. Corinthians 10:3-5 (additions mine) – “For though we walk in the flesh [realm of the senses], we do not war after the flesh [according to the senses]: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal [the senses], but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations [sense reasoning], and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge [Word] of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”



3. The spirit must gain mastery over the senses.
 - a. Galatians 5:16-18 – “For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would” (v.17).
 - i. The spirit and flesh are in a war.
4. When the spirit gains mastery over the senses, it brings them into captivity. The mind will then become renewed.
5. Romans 8:5-11 – “For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit” (v.5).
6. The re-created spirit will feed the mind revelation knowledge.
 - a. Colossians 3:10 – “And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him.”

D. Keys to Renewing the Mind

1. The mind cannot be renewed by simply studying. You must live, practice, walk, and allow the Word to become a part of you.
2. Praying will not renew the mind, only the Word can renew the mind.
3. Joshua 1:8 – “This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night...”
 - a. Psalm 1:1-4 – “Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.”
4. Renewing the mind comes as a result of:
 - a. Giving the Word first place
 - b. Meditating the Word
 - c. Doing the Word
 - i. John 3:21 – “But he that doeth truth cometh to the light...”
 - d. Listening to the voice of your spirit and obeying it.



RENEWING THE MIND - REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The “teachers of the brain” are the five _____ known as “_____ knowledge” which is the only way the _____ has of acquiring knowledge.
2. The mind cannot grasp _____ things according to 1 Corinthians 2:14 “... the natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God” because _____ it has been _____ by sense knowledge or a mind that has been ruled by the _____.
3. Therefore, according to Romans 12:1 we must not be _____ to this world, but _____ by the renewing of our minds which is telling us the mind must come into harmony with the _____.
4. According to James 3:15-17 there are two kinds of _____:
 1. earthy, sensual, _____
 - or
 2. from _____ - pure, peaceable, _____, and easy to be entreated, full of _____ and good fruits, without _____ and hypocrisy.
5. Wisdom comes from God to the re-created spirit when the Holy Spirit comes _____ to the new man bringing the wisdom of the _____, building it into us as He opens the _____ and makes it a _____ thing to us.
6. Our spirit man must gain _____ over the senses because Galatians 5:16-17 tells us that the flesh _____ against the Spirit, the Spirit against the flesh showing us the Spirit and the flesh are in a _____.
7. When the spirit gains _____ over the senses, the spirit brings the senses into _____ and the mind will then become _____ as the re-created spirit will feed the mind _____ knowledge.
8. When the re-created spirit gains _____ which means it becomes dominant, governs and controls the reasoning faculties and rules the _____ man then this is called _____.



9. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 shows us how this dominate spirit man works, “For though we walk in the flesh [realm of the _____], we do not war after the flesh [according to the _____]; For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal [the _____], but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;) Casting down imaginations[_____ reasoning], and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge [_____] of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”
10. You cannot renew the mind simply by _____ or _____.
11. Only the _____ can renew the mind as you live, _____, walk and allow it to become a part of you.
12. In Joshua 1:8 and in Psalm 1:1-4 a clear example is given of the man with a renewed mind who _____ in the Word of the Lord and he _____ it day and night and the results are he _____ is like a _____ planted by the rivers of water, he brings forth his _____ in his season, and whatever he does _____ or has good _____.
13. Giving the Word _____ place, _____ on the Word, _____ the Word by _____ and _____ the voice of your spirit are the keys to renewing your mind.



RENEWING THE MIND - REVIEW ANSWERS

- 1 (senses, sense)
- 2 (spiritual, governed OR ruled OR controlled, world)
- 3 (conformed, transformed, harmony)
- 4 (wisdom, devilish, gentle, mercy, partiality)
- 5 (in, Word, living)
- 6 (mastery, lusts, war)
- 7 (mastery, captivity, renewed, revelation)
- 8 (ascendancy, whole, spirituality)
- 9 (senses, senses, senses, sense, Word)
- 10 (studying, praying)
- 11 (Word, practice)
- 12 (delights, mediates, tree, fruit, prospers, success)
- 13 (first, meditating, doing, listening, obeying)