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Renewing Your Mind
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If there is no renewing of the mind, there is no hope, no deliverance and no growth, no victories that are sustained. We must grasp from the Holy Spirit these teachings and truths and have comprehensive insight into God's plan and word and His will, for without it, there cannot be sustained spiritual growth.

Exo 23:25-30 "And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee. 26 There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfil. 27 I will send my fear before thee, and will destroy all the people to whom thou shalt come, and I will make all thine enemies turn their backs unto thee. 28 And I will send hornets before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before thee. 29 I will not drive them out from before thee in one year; lest the land become desolate and the beast of the field multiply against thee. 30 By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land." KJV

In learning to possess our promises, we see the word tells us that it will be little by little, even though we would like to have instant results, this is not always the way that we receive, there are no short cuts. There has to be a foundation laid first so that we are not overtaken by outside influences. Learning to walk by faith and having small victories in our lives will enable us to receive the greater victories.

How do we renew our minds? There is not a short cut in order to receive, but our attitudes, our thinking and hearing must come into alignment. In the following scriptures, Jesus taught how to hear and what to hear. There are many different ways we are able to hear depending on our wanting to hear, not having a closed mind, and not letting former teachings influence us. Luke 6 teaches that the people came to hear Jesus, to receive and to be healed.

Luke 8:18 "Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have." KJV

Mark 4:24 "And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given." KJV

We can hear with the intent to learn or just hear with passing of time only. In renewing our mind, we must have the desire to be taught. Many times we hear through filters, processing everything that has happened in the past, the hurts and disappointments or what we have been taught, traditions or our concept of God. Renewing the mind will clean the dirty filters by which we process our hearing.

Rom 12:1-2 "I *beseech* you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 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." KJV

Paul is emphasizing the importance of presenting ourselves to God, and how we are able to do this by the renewing of our minds, not being conformed to the world around us.

Rom 12:1-2 "So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you."

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Conformed means formed by outward pressures, ie; the pouring of concrete, how and where it will be formed. The world has a form that will effect the way we think, our emotions, our actions. We cannot let the world tell us how to live or what to think this can only be done by the renewing of our minds to the word of God. The world till try to tell the believers that they are not entitled to any kind of God's blessings only getting along but that is not Gods plan, He wants us to have an abundance.

Renew means to restore, bring back to new, an adjustment of our spiritual vision or beliefs, it will transform the effect on our life and will cause us to think like God thinks about us. There are people who cannot for whatever reason, accept that God has the best for them. If we never renew our mind, even though we desire to and we do our thinking without God, there is the problem.

Transformed means a change takes place, taking on a new form, with time always being involved. ie; a butterfly coming from a cocoon. Changes come little by little, Gods plan and purpose for each of us is to renew our minds. When this happens we move out of the form and the will and the plan that the world or the enemy has for us and through the renewing of our mind, we realize that we are more than conquerors and that in the power of Jesus name, satan must submit to us. In order for us to have the renewing of our minds, it is to study the word of God, hearing and reading the word, good teaching and being associated with other believers who can encourage us, meditating what the word says.

Meditate means to think on the word, what it says or has said to us in the past, recalling events that were a sign that God was working for and in us.

Eph 4:23 "And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;" KJV

Col 3:10 "And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:" KJV

David was an example of how he perceived the renewal of his mind. He meditated on the word, wrote the book of Psalms remembering the goodness of God, the creation that he saw all around him. He was not in leadership, but had the responsibility of caring for his father's sheep, had a relationship with God and God had given him a supernatural strength, he had killed a bear and a lion with his bare hands, yet was willing to take on the giant with no fear of the battle. The 17th chapter of 1st Samuel tells the entire story regarding David dealing with Goliath.

1 Samuel 17:26 "And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?" KJV

Another definition of meditating the word of God is to speak the word of God, imagine, ponder and study. Meditation is opposite from worry.

Phil 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." KJV

Seeing ourselves in the position of being able to do something constructive, helping restore and uplift others, can be a result of renewing our minds with the word of God, knowing what His plans and purposes are for them and us. Receiving the engrafted word of God becomes a part of us.

James 1:21 "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls." KJV

By the renewing of our minds, we realize the bigness of God and who He really is, realizing His ability and we are able understand. We are made up of body, soul and spirit. The engrafted word brings to our soul, which is our mind, will and intellect and with a period of time will become a part of us. It will save and bring deliverance, causing a change in our lives.