



A Renewed Mind

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THE EXPONENTIAL POWER OF LOVING GOD

And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength. – Mark 12:30 NLT

A Good Ole Fashion Brainwashing!

But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means. – 1 Corinthians 2:14 NLT

Orthodoxy: A right alignment of our opinions

Those who are spiritual can evaluate all things, but they themselves cannot be evaluated by others.¹⁶ For, "Who can know the Lord's thoughts? Who knows enough to teach him?" But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ. – 1 Corinthians 2:15-16 NLT

Everybody Has One...

- My Opinion About LIFE Matters.

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. – Romans 12:2a NLT

Steve Jobs: "Don't let the sound of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice."

- My Opinion About GOD Matters.

Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. – Romans 12:2b NLT

- My Opinion About ME Matters.

Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. – Romans 12:3 NLT

My Next Step This Week...

- ☐ Memorize **Romans 12:2**.
- ☐ Engage in activities this week that will expand my understanding of God.
- ☐ Give my life to Jesus as Savior and Lord, for the first time.

Walk the Talk

A Small Group Guide

1. Have you ever been influenced by peer pressure to do something that you normally wouldn't do? How did it make you feel afterwards?
2. What are some behaviors and customs of this world that you tend to copy? Do you think they are destructive? Why or why not?
3. How do you know if a decision is God's will? What factors influence your decision?
4. Do you think God's will is flexible? Or do you think there's only one way that is God's way?
5. What are your personal strengths? What are your personal weaknesses? How do they influence how you see your purpose in life?