

“Being a Vessel for Honor”

2 Timothy 2:20-21 – New Year’s Day

Sunday, January 1, 2023

1. Why Some Don’t Grow

- A. They default to the old nature
- B. They don’t have the new nature

2. How Can We Grow

- A. New Hearts
- B. Renewed Minds

(1) (Rom 12:2) "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind..." NKJV

(2) (Jas 1:19–20) "¹⁹ So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; ²⁰ for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God." NKJV

(3) (Pr 14:29) "²⁹ He who is slow to wrath has great understanding, But he who is impulsive exalts folly." NKJV

(4) (Philippians 2:5-8) Paul wrote "⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross." NKJV

C. How can we renew our minds?

- (1) Cooperate with God
- (2) Accept Correction with Humility
- (3) Fill Your Whole Being with the Word of God
 - 1. (Col 3:16) "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." NKJV
 - 2. (James 1:22) "but be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" NKJV
- (4) Watch Carefully What You Permit Your Mind to Dwell On

3. Why We Should Grow

- A. To Be Useful to the Master
- B. To Be Prepared for Every Good Work