

Mind Over Matter

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Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Romans 12:1 NIV

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Romans 12:2a NIV

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.

Romans 8:5-6 NIV

Peace is Possible If I . . .

1. Identify the Battlefield .

The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.

Romans 8:7 NIV

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in **your minds** because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

Colossians 1:21-22 NIV

2. Fight to Lose the Wrong Thing .

Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth... Put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, **worshiping the things of this world**. Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming.

Colossians 3:2,5-6 NLT

Now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in **knowledge in the image of its Creator**.

Colossians 3:8-10 NIV

3. Protect My Focus of Faith .

. . . In every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, **will guard your hearts and your minds** in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6b-7 NIV

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—**think about such things**.

Philippians 4:8 NIV

Weekend Music:

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