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# Steps to A Renewed Mind

- 1. Put off old self
- 2. Renewed in the Spirit of your Mind
- 3. Put on new self

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Approval	Gate-keeper based on values
"Spirit"	"Approve, Acknowledge, Not
	worth knowing"
Rational "Mind"	Reason and logic, Knowing
	"Debased mind, futile thinking,
	Knowing"

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#### Romans 10

9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

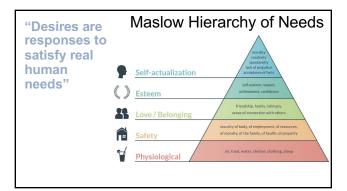
## **Confession is Acknowledgement**

Confession is a public acknowledgement of our sin and our helplessness (our condition) and then Christ's righteousness and the power of His Lordship (His condition). Confession is the first step in a miraculous process of transformation.

Not Behavior Management

Christianity is not about behavior management, it is about receiving a new heart by faith and then learning to walk in the desires our new heart produces.

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Deceitful Desires vs Godly Desires

The Old Self is fashioned by deceitful desires based on lies and New Self is fashioned by godly desires based on truth

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## A Desire Responds to Real Needs

A desire is our response to satisfy a real human need.

"I have a real need for a home, food, and to pay my utility bills so I desire a career as a plumber so I can earn a reasonable wage"

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#### Deceitful Desires vs Godly Desires

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"I have a need to be free "I have a need to be free from unhealthy relationships, so I desire connection in meetings where I'm affirmed in my decision to be sober and find support to resolve problems"

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## John 5

39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, 40 yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life. 41 I do not receive glory from people.

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42 But I know that you do not have the love of God within you. 43 I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. 44 How can you believe [in me], when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?

#### **Believe In Order to Understand**

"For I do not seek to understand in order that I may believe, but I believe in order to understand. For this also I believe-that unless I believe I shall not understand. - St Anselm

"Credo Ut Intelligam" I believe in order to understand. - St Augustine

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## **Faculties to Understand**



1. Intellect has a faculty called Reason 2. Spirit has a faculty called Faith

Both faith and reason bring understanding to our souls but for the Christian, faith always comes before reason.

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#### **Faith is Looking**

Faith is looking to Jesus with our spiritual eyes and doing what he's doing

## Eyes of Our Heart

The eyes of our heart [faith] are looking at something or someone to meet a legitimate need. The heart has led the mind to pursue thoughts, ideas, and desires in the direction it is looking. The mind has a habit of thinking this way and changing means a change in the eyes.

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#### **Ephesians 1**

16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,

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18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe

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## **Prayer From Ephesians 1**

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## 2 Corinthians 10

<sup>4</sup> For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. <sup>5</sup> We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, <sup>6</sup> being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.

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