

## **Cultivating a Healthy Mind**

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### Romans 12:2

Message Summarized: God is far more interested in changing your mind than changing your circumstances

- \* It's not what happens TO you... but really, more important than that, is what's happening IN you.
- \*I must W O R K on the soil of my mind.
- \*Websters Def: Cul-ti-vate: Apply oneself to improving or developing (one's mind or manners).
- \*If you don't do the WORK of cultivating your mind, the DEVIL will be glad to do the work for you.

"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God <u>transform you</u> into a new person by <u>changing the way you think...</u>"

#### WHY I MUST CULTIVATE A HEALTHY MIND

1 BECAUSE MY THOUGHTS CONTROL MY LIFE.

"Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts."

PROVERBS 4:23 (TEV)

\*Your F E E L I N G S don't shape your life, your B E L I E F S do.

# 2 BECAUSE THE M I N D IS THE BATTLEGROUND FOR S I N .

"I love to do God's will so far as my new nature is concerned; BUT there is something else deep within me... that is <u>at war with my mind</u> and wins the fight and makes me a slave to the sin within me. <u>In my mind</u> I want to be God's willing servant, but instead I find myself still enslaved to sin."

ROMANS 7:22-23 (LB)

# 3 BECAUSE IT'S THE KEY TO PEACE AND HAPPINESS.

"So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit <u>control your mind</u> leads to <u>life</u> and peace."

ROMANS 8:6 (NLT)

### **NOTES**




#### **SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS**

- 1 Share one thing that stood out to you in this week's sermon and why.
- 2 Romans 12:2 talks about our minds and our way of thinking being transformed. What do you think that means?
- 3 Are you being intentional about what you allow in your mind and what you aren't? Share some boundaries that you may have for yourself. How is that going?
- 4 As a group, read Romans 7:22-23 in your notes. What does this verse say our struggle is against? How do we fight this?
- 5 How can we pray for you this week?



## **Upcoming Events**

- 02.11 | Young Married Kickoff
- 02.12 | Super Bowl Saturday Event
- 02.13 | Baptisms
- 02.17 | Ensenada Mission Trip
- 03.11 | Women's Retreat