

## THINK JESUS

*Change Your Mind, Change Your Life*

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**Romans 12:2** Don't copy the behavior & customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you'll learn to know God's will for you, which is good & pleasing & perfect.

*The goal of every Christian is to be transformed by God, so we can live in God's perfect will. You're free to change!*

*But, have you ever wondered why good Christians sin?; get angry; be selfish; fearful; marriages fail?; walk away/backslide?; etc.*

*The grace & blood of Jesus provided salvation from spiritual death & sin, but He didn't save us from our own thoughts, attitudes, or choices .*

**Isaiah 55:8** "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And My ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. 9 For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so My ways are higher than your ways & My thoughts higher than your thoughts.

**Isaiah 55:8 MSG** I don't think the way you think. The way you work isn't the way I work. For as the sky soars high above earth, so the way I work surpasses the way you work, & the way I think is beyond the way you think.

**GOD IS SMARTER THAN ME!!!**

*The way we think, has everything to do w/ the way our life turns out.*

**MINDSET MATTERS.**

*This series will inspire you w/ His thoughts of change, moving forward!  
This is about putting God's victorious, transformational thoughts in you!*

**Ephesians 4:22** (1) throw off your old sinful nature & your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust & deception. 23 Instead, (2) let the Spirit renew your thoughts & attitudes. *(be renewed in the spirit of your mind)* 24 (3) Put on your new nature, created to be like God-truly righteous & holy.

*The spirit of our mind can drag us back into old thinking, the old man; unless we live a lifestyle of conviction dedicated to Jesus.*

*We won't live the life that Christ died to give us, if we hold on to the old man, the traditions, carnal & negative ways of thinking.*

*We're born again, now our thinking patterns must be reprogrammed. This reprogramming or transformational process is what Paul calls renewing the mind. You're free to change.*

*\*Your past is just a place of reference, not a place of residence.\**

**2 Corinthians 5:17** NKJV ...if anyone is in Christ, he's a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ...

*When your life is w/ Jesus, your life will be transformed.*

**Colossians 3:10** Put on your new nature (*man*), & be renewed as you learn to know your Creator & become like Him.

*If you want things to change, then YOU have to change.*

**2 Corinthians 4:3** If the Good News we preach is hidden behind a veil, it's hidden only from people who are perishing. 4 Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They're unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.

Spirit = inward man, eternal life force; where we sense the Holy Spirit  
Soul = mind (*thoughts*), emotions (*feelings*), & will (*choices*)

Body = flesh, physical beings, under the curse, subject to the world

**2 Corinthians 4:16** That's why we never give up. Though our bodies (*the outward man*) are dying, our spirits (*the inward man*) are being renewed every day.

*Many Christians have lowered their life to just surviving & hanging on until Jesus comes! We're just living life so defeated & down & weak!!*

**2 Corinthians 3:16** Whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. <sup>17</sup> The Lord is the Spirit & wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, **there is freedom!** <sup>18</sup> So all of us who have had that veil removed can see & reflect the glory of the Lord. The Lord-who is the Spirit-*makes us more & more like Him as we are changed into His glorious image.*

***This is God's plan for His Church, for us, His people –  
Free, glorious, bright, full of His superabundant life!  
You are free to change!***

**2 Corinthians 17&18 MSG** *We're free of it!* All of us! Nothing between us & God, our faces shining w/ the brightness of His face. So we are transfigured like the Messiah, our lives gradually becoming brighter & more beautiful as God enters our lives & we become like Him.

***Jesus was transfigured/transformed.***

***As you're renewing your mind, you are transformed.  
Then the life, the love, the light of God starts flowing out of us.***

**John 10:10** The thief's purpose is to steal & kill & destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich & satisfying life. (*have it more abundantly*)

*The negative, sick, death environment we live in, keeps us confused!  
That's NOT abundant life!!*

***Eugene Peterson - "Churches are to be places where human misbehavior is brought out in the open, faced, & dealt with."***

**Philippians 2:12b** ...Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God w/ deep reverence & fear. <sup>13</sup> For God is working in you, giving you the desire & the power to do what pleases Him.  
(NKJV ...**work out** your own salvation)

*God's vocabulary = Growing; improving; expanding; moving forward; progressing; changing; rising higher...*

*Satan's vocabulary = steal; kill; destroy; fear; negative; stop; maintain; good enough; sick, weak, death*

**James 1:21** Get rid of all the filth & evil in your lives, & humbly accept the **word** God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls.

**James 1:21 NKJV** ...lay aside all filthiness & overflow of wickedness, & receive w/ meekness the **implanted word, which is able to save your souls.**

*The Bible wasn't written for information, but for transformation.  
We can "know" the Word, or the right words - yet never be changed.  
This is the difference between information & transformation.*

***Start your day in God's Word & spend the rest of your day in God's favor.***

*Embrace God's divine wisdom & let God's Word resonate w/in your heart.  
The Word holds the power to transform your life.*

**3 John 2 NKJV** I pray that you may prosper in all things & be in health, just **as your soul prospers.** 3 For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came & testified of the **truth** that is in you, just as you walk in the **truth.** 4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in **truth.**

***Jesus is trying to bring Christlike transformation to all of us, all the time.***

**1 John 4:17b NKJV** ...as He is, **so are we** in this world.

***"AS HE IS NOW, SO AM I"***