

# Philadelphia Church

Freedom and the Renewing of our Minds

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## Romans 12:1-2

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. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Two truths regarding our minds:

1. Life and death can be determined by our thought life
2. Thought life can affect our spiritual and physical life

# Matthew 12:33-37

<sup>33</sup> “Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit. <sup>34</sup> You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. <sup>35</sup> A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. <sup>36</sup> But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken. <sup>37</sup> For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.”

# Ways we are impacted by words and thoughts:

- ◆ Our words and actions come from what is in our heart
- ◆ A mind that is not renewed will lead to actions that are ungodly
- ◆ Our enemy puts great effort into putting incorrect thoughts into our minds
- ◆ Our minds are the soil where future action grows

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# How to win The Invisible War:

1. Read His truth
2. Engage in prayer
3. Stay in Fellowship
4. Don't believe everything you think or hear
5. Guard your mind (garbage in garbage out)

Wrong mindset

God is telling me this but  
I'm going to do that.



## Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## Peace of God:

- ◆ Guards our hearts or emotions
- ◆ Guards are minds or thoughts

# Truth

Thoughts determine feelings  
and the way we feel determines  
how we ACT.

# Quote

The difference between  
worldliness and godliness is a  
renewed mind. -Erwin Lutzer

## 1 Peter 1:13-14

Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. <sup>14</sup> As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.

# Definition

**Futile:** incapable of producing any useful result, pointless.

## Titus 3:4-5

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit

# Definition

**Metanoia:** repentance, to  
change your mind



# Definition

**Reality:** a change of mind leads to a change of heart, which leads to a change of behavior.

Matthew 3:8 NIV

Produce fruit in keeping with  
repentance.

## Matthew 3:8 NLT

Prove by the way you live that you  
have repented of your sins and  
turned to God.