

Renewing Our Minds

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I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Beseech

To ask urgently

or

To implore

Living Sacrifice

Giving my whole life, body, mind
as a continuing act worship.

Question

Do I allow God to transform my thinking?

Transformed

“Metamorphoo”

Greek meaning to transform or change form.



Question

Do I submit to the patterns of this world
or the renewing of my mind?

Submit and Resist

Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
6 In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.

Two actions:

1. Be transformed
2. Do not conform

	Man's Way	God's Way
Focus	Power/Position	Submission
Emphasis	Rights/Freedoms	Personal responsibility
Desire	Gain for self	Meet needs of others
Concern	Immediate fulfillment	Lasting achievement
Yearning	Praise of men	Approval of God
Aspiration	To be served	To serve others
Need	To push ahead	For patience
Striving	To lead men	To follow God
Interest	Competition	Cooperation
Motivation	Self-glorification	God's glory



MAN'S WAY

GOD'S WAY

“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. ¹⁴ Because narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Spiritual Discernment

The process of
perceiving and understanding
God's will

Question

What forms your thinking?

Choice:

Conformed
Transformed

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

Prayer:

“God help me to think and see like You do.”

Throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. ²³ Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. ²⁴ Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

You will keep *him* in perfect peace,
Whose mind *is* stayed on You,
Because he trusts in You.