

GFBC Thursday Night's Scriptural Study

Lesson # 122

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:1-8 {KJV}

Teaching Verses: 1-2 {NLT}

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TEXT – ROMANS 12:1-2

TITLE – LET THE HOLY SPIRIT TRANSFORM YOUR MIND

VV-1-2-{NLT}-“And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. ²Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”

Let the Holy Spirit transform your mind. In order for the Holy Spirit to transform your mind, He must have your approval to begin the transforming process. He must have your buy in. However, the transforming power of the Holy Spirit enables you to participate in the divine process by the consenting of your “will.”

The word let in this particular work of the Holy Spirit is a voluntary consent that has been preapproved by God. If the Holy Spirit is to transform your mind, you must be a willing subject in the process.

The Holy Spirit will not force you to change your mind, your will, your actions, or your behavior. Therefore the transforming power in you is the work of the Holy Spirit as you yield and surrender your will to Him.

In Philippians 2:5, the Scripture says, “**Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.**” When you are saved, the mind of Christ is not automatically delivered to you by FedEx, Prime, or UPS.

The mind of Christ is developed in you as a result of a yielded spirit, desired obedience, a hunger for the word, a yielded, and surrendered life and lifestyle to the influence of the Holy Spirit. The Scripture reveals and unveils the mind of Christ through demonstrated actions and love toward others.

You can learn more about a person from what they do than what they say. When Jesus changed water into wine, calmed the raging winds and the robust waves, He demonstrated His miraculous power over nature.

Jesus talked the talk, and walked the walk! The miracles of Jesus were purposed to demonstrate His power. The miracles of Jesus were also purposed to complement the teaching and preaching of the gospel so that men and women might believe that He is the Christ.

Jesus healed the lepers and the woman with the issue of blood; He raised the dead, gave sight to the blind, and fed five thousand with two fish and five loaves of bread. The ministry of Jesus was a ministry of demonstrated actions.

Someone once said, “**If you want to know someone's mind, listen to their words. If you want to know their heart, watch their action.**” Jesus' words and actions equally matched what He came to do.

Jesus came to seek and to save the lost. He reached the lost through a fourfold ministry. He did it through lifestyle ministry, teaching, preaching, and performing miracles.

In other words, Jesus' life was a living sermon. His teaching was a university! His preaching was a theological academy without walls, and His miracles was a demonstration of His unlimited power.

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There is never a space or a place that the miracles of God are wasted. Miracles also demonstrated Jesus' passion. He was willing to do whatever was necessary to make a person whole.

God is always willing to demonstrate His grace, over and over again even though it may be rejected. God keeps on offering His grace despite rejection because God's grace is free, unmerited, undeserving, and unmeasured.

Now, if you want the Holy Spirit to transform your mind, you've got to be a willing subject. The Holy Spirit will not force you to change your mind. The Holy Spirit will not violate your will.

If you want the Holy Spirit to transform or change your mind, you need Him to do at least 5 things. You need the Holy Spirit to:

1. **Create in you a heart that desire's God**
2. **Create in you a delightful appetite for the word of God**
3. **Develop in you a devotion to prayer**
4. **Deposit in you the measure of faith required to renew your mind, and**
5. **Determination to receive that which God is doing in your life**

When you have a heart for God, the Holy Spirit will create in you a desire to please Him. Striving to please God is not an accident. Striving to please God is an intentional action.

And when you have a heart for God, the Holy Spirit will focus your mind, guard, and guide your thoughts. And because Jesus had a mind to please the Father, the ways of the world could not distract, influence, or redirect Him.

Jesus was focused. In John 6:33 {KJV}, Jesus said, **"For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me."** Even when Jesus was undergoing stress, He did not allow the pressure, and the pain in the "cup" to distract or insubordinate Him.

When Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, He prayed, saying, **"Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from Me: nevertheless not My will, but thine, be done"** {Luke 22:42, KJV}. If you want the Holy Spirit to transform your mind, you need the Holy Spirit to create in you a heart that desire's God.

If you want the Holy Spirit to transform your mind, you need Him to create in you a delightful appetite for His word. Having a delightful appetite for God's word allows the word of God and the Spirit of God to work congruently in you to create a mind that is reflective of the actions and behaviors of Jesus Christ.

The word of God instructs and gives directions, while the Holy Spirit navigates the footsteps of your mind. One of the principal responsibilities of the Holy Spirit is to guide you into all truth.

In John 16:13 {KJV} Jesus said, **"Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come."**

If you want the Holy Spirit to transform your mind, you need to develop in you a devotion to prayer. In other words, if you want the Holy Spirit to transform your mind, you not only need to have a heart that desires God and have a delightful appetite for God's word, but you also need the Holy Spirit to develop in you a devotion to prayer.

When you have a devotion to prayer, it allows the Holy Spirit to intercede to God on your behalf. Romans 8:26 {KJV} the Scripture says, **"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."**

The New Living Translation says, “**the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be**

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expressed in words.” In other words, when the Holy Spirit intercedes for you, He speaks a heavenly language that can only be translated by the Father and the Son.

If you want the Holy Spirit to transform your mind, you need Him to deposit in you measured faith required to renew your mind. When your mind is renewed by the Holy Spirit, you become attracted to God’s word.

And measured faith gives the Holy Spirit freedom to create in you, thoughts, actions, and behaviors that are reflective of the mind of Jesus Christ. Measured faith gives you the ability to maintain humility and not to think more highly of self than we ought.

When your mind is being transformed by the Holy Spirit, He will give you determination to receive that which God is doing in your life. If you want the Holy Spirit to create in you a heart for God, create in you a delightful appetite for God’s word, develop in you a devotion for prayer, deposit in you the measure of faith required to renew your mind, you’ve got to have determination.

Determination moves you into a place of demonstrative congruent action that shepherd you into compliance with the will of God. And when you desire the Holy Spirit to transform your mind, the Holy Spirit will delight Himself in helping you prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Let the Holy Spirit transform your mind!

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