

# ReeINSPIRED Through the Word



# Romans 12:2

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.

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## Definitions

(taken from Strong's Concordance)

### Conformed

"to conform one's self (i.e. one's mind and character) to another's pattern, (fashion one's self according to)"

### Renewing

"a renewal, renovation, a complete change for the better" (emphasis mine)

### Prove

"to test, examine, prove, scrutinize (to see whether a thing is genuine or not); to recognize as genuine after examine, to approve, deem worthy"

### Acceptable

"well-pleasing"

### Transformed

"to change into another form, to transform, to transfigure"

\*Note: The Greek word, metamorphoo, is where we get metamorphosis. Webster's dictionary says, "A complete change of form,

### Mind

"a particular mode of thinking, judging, i.e. thoughts, feelings, purposes,

### Good

"upright, honorable, excellent, distinguished"

### Perfect

"wanting nothing necessary to completeness"

### Will

"what one wishes or has determined shall be done; of what God wishes to be done by us"

## Bible Study

1. In what ways have you conformed (or patterned yourself) to this world? Be honest.
2. Take a look at what's acceptable in society but goes against the word of God. List 5 ways in which the church has conformed?
  - 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
  - 4.
  - 5.
3. As we think about transformation, think about the caterpillar and the process he goes through to become a butterfly.
  1. What are some truths about a caterpillar?
  2. What are some truths about a butterfly?
  3. Have you ever seen a butterfly change back to a caterpillar?
4. There's a transformation for Christians as well. Our transformation comes through what?
5. Think about renewing the mind as a renovation project. Have you ever watched one of the renovation shows on HGTV in which they renovate a kitchen? Those projects are time-consuming and costly, and they require commitment. What does "renovation" teach you about renewing your mind as it pertains to time, cost, and commitment?

6. Renewing our minds including renewing our thoughts, feeling, purposes, and desires to align with God's. Be honest and list how your thoughts, feelings, purposes and desires need to be renewed.

Thoughts

Feelings

Purposes

Desires

7. It's only after we allow the Holy Spirit to renew our minds can we **PROVE** (recognize as genuine) God's **GOOD** (excellent), **ACCEPTABLE** (well-pleasing), **PERFECT** (wanting nothing necessary to completeness) **WILL** (what God wishes to be done by us). Go back through your list of thoughts, feelings, purposes, and desires. Do they align with God's will for your life?

## Application

Commit to be a "Doer" of His word and not just a "Hearer". Read Romans 12:2. Are you conforming to this world? Are you being transformed by the renewing of your mind? After you've gone through this bible study lesson, you should be able to see some areas in your life that need to be transformed. How are you going to apply this bible knowledge? Use this space to write out those areas the Holy Spirit has revealed needs renewal or change.