CHANGING YOUR MIND or LORD CHANGE ME

Romans 12:2

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In this matter of conquering or changing the MIND, there are two steps to make, one NEGATIVE and one POSITIVE. Note them:

I. FIRST, WE CHANGE BY *SHUNNING* THE MOLD (Romans 12:2a). ***"And be not conformed to this world . . ."***

II. SECONDLY, WE CHANGE BY *SHAPING* OUR MINDS (Romans 12:2b). ***". . . and be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable and perfect, will of God."***

Note three things about this process:

A. First, the process of transformation is a *lifelong* work of God for which we are responsible.

B. Secondly, the means of transformation is the *renewing* of the mind.

1. First, the *primary* source for changing our thinking is the Word of God.

   a. First, *sanctify* your thinking with God's truth (Psalm 119:9l John 15:3).

   b. Secondly, *saturate* your thinking with God's timetable.

   c. Thirdly, *satisfy* your thinking with God's thoughts (Romans 8:6).

   d. Fourthly, *set* your thinking with Godly things (Philippians 4:8).

2. Secondly, the *secondary* sources for changing your mind are gifted teachers and examples of God's Word.

3. Thirdly, the _____ of transformation is that one will prove in practice God's good, acceptable and perfect will.

   Note what one can prove:

   a. First, we are to prove in _____ what God's will is.

   b. Secondly, we are to _____ that God's will is good, acceptable and perfect.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. If you could change just one thing about your walk with the Lord, what would it be? AND, how you can change it?

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2. How can you as a believer know whether an OUTWARD matter is conforming to the world?

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3. Is there some way the believer can determine whether a matter not specified in the Bible is worldly or not?

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