

It's Time For A New Mind – Teacher Copy

Romans 12:2 (NASB)

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

Romans 12:2 (NLT)

2 Don'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.

On last Thursday, God showed us all that His plans weren't over for us, by allowing us to make it into 2021. We have all arrived at a new year and a new day, that none of us had seen before. In the scripture we just read, God is encouraging His people (US) to make sure there are minds are made new by understanding and accepting the will of God. God has amazing plans for us. In order for us to experience the fullness of these plans, we must make sure that our minds are in-tune with the mind of God. After all, going into a new day, with old ways does nothing but hinder the fulfillment of new experiences. With this in mind, let's examine: **It's Time For A New Mind**

Philippians 4:8 (NLT)

8 And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

The way think influences the way we behave. The way we behave influences the way we live. The way we live influences the future we create. That's why, there is so much competing for our attention. God says, "Fix your thoughts on the right things." He wouldn't have had to say that, if we wouldn't be tempted to think on the wrong things. **NEW THINKING ONLY COMES WITH NEW FOCUS.**

1. It's time for a new _____.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (NASB)

4 for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.

5 We are destroying arguments and all arrogance raised against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,

Satan's strongholds are thoughts. If the devil can get you to entertain his thoughts; fear, anxiety, doubt, worry, and so on, he can have a doorway to controlling your mind. The Bible says we are to cast down **(throw away)** imaginations that contradict what He says about us. **IF IT'S NOT FAITH, GET IT OUT OF YOUR MIND.**

2. It's time to get rid of _____.

Philippians 2:5 (NKJV)

5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

Philippians 2:5 (NLT)

5 You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

Our attitudes are influenced by the way we see things. Our view of situations and circumstances stem from the thought patterns in our minds. Paul says, "Have the same mind (attitude) that Jesus had." He's not saying get rid of everything you know. He's saying make sure you know what Jesus thinks and make it a part of what you know. Then, you and I will know if what we are thinking is the truth. **IF MY MIND IN ANY WAY CONTRADICTS CHRIST'S, I'M WRONG.**

3. It's time for a _____.

James 1:8 (AMP)

8 being a double-minded man, unstable and restless in all his ways [in everything he thinks, feels, or decides].

Each year, millions of people make New Year's resolutions. This year I will: lose weight, go back to school, etc. However, by the end of February most people just go back to what they've always done. We're not big on resolutions. But, this year we should all resolve: **"THIS YEAR I WILL NOT BE DOUBLE-MINDED. I WILL THINK LIKE JESUS, RESPOND LIKE JESUS, WALK LIKE JESUS AND LIVE FOR JESUS ALL YEAR."**

4. It's time for a _____.

Romans 10:17 (KJV)

17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:17 (AMP)

17 So faith comes from hearing [what is told], and what is heard comes by the [preaching of the] message concerning Christ.

The only way to change our minds is to change what we put into them. Learning comes from the influence of repetitious information. If you want to think like Jesus and have the mind of Christ, you must know what He knows. To do that, you must repeatedly meditate on His Word. Faith comes by hearing and hearing (repeatedly) the Word of God. **THIS YEAR WE NEED TO CHANGE WHAT WE'RE LISTENING TO, SO WE CAN CHANGE WHAT WE KNOW.**

5. It's time for _____.