

The R-12 Overcomer (2) Be Transformed

Romans 12:1-2

Place Your Life Before God (Message)

12¹⁻² So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.

Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WORLD

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

² Do not conform^(A) to the pattern of this world,^(B) but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.^(C) Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is^(D)—his good, pleasing^(E) and perfect will.

I - DON'T CONFORM (DON'T COPY)

Romans 12:2a (NIV)

² Do not conform^(A) to the pattern of this world

Ephesians 4:22-24 (NLT)

²² 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.

1 John 2:15-17 (NIV)

15 (Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father[[a](#)] is not in them. 16 For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. 17 The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

James 4:4-5 (NIV)

You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

5 Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us?

II - BE TRANSFORMED

Romans 12:2b (NIV)

... but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

How do we renew our mind?

Let the Spirit...

Ephesians 4:23-24 (NIV)

Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. 24 Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

The Word of God...

Joshua 1:8 (NIV)

⁸ Keep this Book of the Law^(A) always on your lips;^(B) meditate^(C) on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful

Prayer...

Philippians 4:4-9 (NIV)

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again:
Rejoice!^(A) ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all.
The Lord is near.^(B) ⁶ Do not be anxious about
anything,^(C) but in every situation, by prayer and
petition, with thanksgiving, present your
requests to God.^(D) ⁷ And the peace of God,^(E)
which transcends all understanding,^(E) will guard
your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable— if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me— put it into practice. ^(G) And the God of peace ^(H) will be with you.

Take your thoughts captive...

2 Corinthians 10:3-6 (NIV)

³ For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does.^(A) ⁴ The weapons we fight with^(B) are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power^(C) to demolish strongholds.^(D)

⁵ We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God,^(E) and we take captive every thought to make it obedient^(E) to Christ. ⁶ And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete.^(G)

III-THEN YOU WILL KNOW HIS WILL (PROMISES)

God wants you to experience his good and pleasing will in your marriage, your single life, your school, your work, and your future.

John 12:25 (NLT)

²⁵ Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity.