

CONFORMED or TRANSFORMED?

Romans 12:2

Introduction:

●Christians are supposed to influence the world

1. C_____ to the world is letting the world influence you.
 - a. The Greek word translated as “world” literally refers to a t_____ period.
 - 1) Mk 10:30 – the same Greek word describes the present “age” and a f_____ age.
 - 2) 2 Cor 4:4 – Satan is called the g_____ of this age, because it is filled with sin.
 - b. Rom 12:2 – “world” must refer to this time period characterized by evil.
2. T_____ is the Christian status on the inside
 - a. 2 Cor 5:17 – we are n_____ creations of God
 - b. The Greek word translated as transformation is where we get our word metamorphosis, which is used in science to describe the transformation of a worm into a b_____.

●How can you escape those weak tendencies you might have, so that you are living a transformed life?

The Means of Transformation – Absorbing God’s W_____ (2a)

●Renewing the mind

1. The mind
 - a. The seat of our thinking and our a_____
 - b. All input is permanently r_____
 - c. We have a lot of “junk” in our minds
2. Renewing = rec_____
 - a. The Greeks used two words for “new”
 - 1) New in t_____ - e.g. a newborn is one that is recently born
 - 2) New in c_____ - e.g. a 1965 mustang that has only 10 miles on it and has no defects.
 - b. To renew the mind is to recondition it, restore it, to get rid of the junk and replace it with the good.

●Psychologists say that thought patterns are established easily, but once established are difficult to change

1. God has told us all along that e_____ corrupts (Gen 6:12)
2. God has told us all along to focus on the things of God (Col 3:2; Phil 4:8)

●We know the things of God by His w_____

1. We absorb God’s word like a sponge in many ways
R_____ it; L_____ to it
S_____ it; M_____ it
2. Whatever method we use we must a_____ it to our lives.
3. Do you leak the word of God?

The Result of Transformation – Approving God’s W_____ (2b)

●God’s will

1. Not determined by mystical means:
 - a. Some have used a c_____ to determine God’s will
 - b. Some have used their f_____ to determine it.
2. Not determined by a f_____ - God’s will was contrary to feelings in Matt 26:39; Lk 9:33.
3. Often times we make God’s will too s_____
 - a. For example - vocation, residence, what color to wear
 - b. God’s will is revealed in His w_____ giving us direction how we are to live wherever we are and in whatever we do.

●By living under the authority of His word:

1. We p_____ God’s will (NIV – test and approve)
 - a. The Greek word refers to the t_____ of metals (e.g. gold)
 - 1) Gold is mostly found m_____ with other metals
 - 2) It is separated out by being heated up to its m_____ point.

3) Once separated out it is then considered tested and approved!

b. Our obedience is the testing ground of God's will

2. We demonstrate that God's will is g_____, acceptable and perfect!

Conclusion – Jn 10:10 which option will you choose?

- Satan's comes against you only to s_____, kill, and destroy
- Jesus came to give you life in a_____ - He wants us to leak God's word and ooze with His love and overflow with that which is good, acceptable and perfect!