



## Total Transformation!

Romans 12:2 (2 Corinthians 10:3-5, Philippians 2:5-11)

Romans 12:1 challenges us to daily consecration, giving our bodies to the Lord daily as an instrument of righteousness and holiness. Paul continues his challenge by issuing the command we are to be "transformed by the renewing of our minds." Daily consecration is directly connected to having the mind of Christ. A person who cultivates the mind of Christ will live with a biblical worldview. 2 Corinthians 10:5 instructs us to take "every thought captive to the obedience of Christ." We are in a spiritual battle. Satan wages a spiritual battle against your mind, your worldview.

But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ. *2 Corinthians 11:3 (NASB95)*

Dr. Del Tackett, a former senior vice president at Focus on the Family and the creator and host of "The Truth Project" said, "The battle we are in today is not primarily political or social — it is a battle of worldviews." Dr. Albert Mohler, president of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary argues that a fundamental "battle for the worldview" exists in modern culture between secularism and biblical Christianity."

**Knowing the reality of the battle for the mind, Paul commanded the Roman believers to not be conformed to the world, but to be transformed by the renewing of their minds.**

There is a moral revolution that is marching through culture and society's institutions. How are we as believers in Jesus Christ to respond? How are we to prepare our children for the "new world order" in which they will live? You may think you are immune, but you would be mistaken. Every area of life is being impacted by the moral revolution. Sports, business, career, shopping, leisure, entertainment, and even church are being influenced.

The moral revolution is in all reality...

- A worldview
- An attack on truth
- A distortion of reality
- A spiritual war



## What is a worldview?

"A worldview comprises one's collection of presuppositions, convictions and values from which a person tries to understand and make sense out of the world and life."<sup>1</sup>

A worldview is the framework from which we view reality and make sense of life and the world. "[It's] any ideology, philosophy, theology, movement or religion that provides an overarching approach to understanding God, the world and man's relations to God and the world," says David Noebel, author of *Understanding the Times*.

"A worldview is "a pattern of ideas, beliefs, convictions, and habits that help us make sense of God, the world, and our relationship to God and the world." *Dr. Jeff Myers*

Everyone has a worldview! As Christians, we should live with a Biblical worldview, but we also should not be surprised when others do not hold to such a view. In a post Christian culture, many believers are struggling with a culture that has rapidly dismissed any semblance of biblical values or morality. Yet we should not be shocked or discouraged. We have been warned in Scripture: (2 Timothy 3:1–5; 1 Timothy 4:1; Matthew 24:10–12)

"A Biblical Worldview is an overarching view of the world based on God's revealed truth, the Bible, which directs our life in this world. A biblical worldview shapes our beliefs about God, Creation, Humanity, Moral Order, and Purpose:

God – To whom or what do I ultimately answer?

Creation – What comprises reality?

Humanity – Who am I, and how did I get here?

Moral Order – How do I determine right and wrong?

Purpose – Is there a reason and purpose for my existence?" *(Biblical Worldview Institute)*

## KEY THOUGHT:

**The transformed and renewed mind is the mind saturated with and controlled by the Word of God.**

## "And do not be conformed to this world"

- You must recognize "the world"
- You must refuse the world's pressure

No one drifts toward holiness, we drift away. To be holy, we must be proactive!

<sup>1</sup> <https://answersingenesis.org/presuppositions/whats-your-worldview/>



## **“but be transformed”**

The world exerts pressure to conform to its image, but Christians are called to a “metamorphosis”—a radical inward change that results in outward behavioral change. The Greek word translated “transformed” occurs only three other places in the New Testament. It is used to describe the transfiguration of the Lord Jesus in Matthew 17:2 and Mark 9:2, and it is used to describe the glorious change wrought in the believer when he steadfastly contemplates the Lord Jesus (2 Corinthians 3:18).

- You must surrender
- You must seek

## **“by the renewing of your mind”**

*Romans 8:6 (NASB95)* For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace.

- The agency of the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5)
- The authority of the Word of God (John 17:17; Ephesians 4:23)

Transformation occurs when a person is filled with the Holy Spirit, saturated with the Word of God, and focusing on the truths of the Gospel.

## **“so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”**

Paul is describing the result of being renewed in your mind.

“A transformed mind produces a transformed will, by which we become eager and able, with the Spirit’s help, to lay aside our own plans and to trustingly accept God’s, no matter what the cost. This continued yielding involves the strong desire to know God better and to comprehend and follow His purpose for our lives.” (*Author unknown*)

- A transformed mind produces a transformed will.
- A renewed mind empowers daily consecration, to be a “living sacrifice” (acceptable).
- A renewed mind enables you to continue growing to be like Christ (perfect).



## **Take Away:**

- Set your mind – it must be fixed
- Supply your mind – it must be fed
- Strengthen your mind – it must be fortified