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*The Carnal Mind,
The Transformed Mind*

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Do not conform to the pattern
of this world, but be transformed
by the renewing of your mind.
Then you will be able to test
and approve what God's will is
—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2

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Reflections from Last Week

Bearing the Fruit of the Vine

*You did not choose me, but I chose you and
appointed you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last.
Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in My name.
This is My command: Love each other.*

John 15:16-17 NIV

Unity.

*I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to
walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,
with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,
endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

There is one body and one Spirit,

just as you were called in

one hope of your calling;

one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

one God and Father of all,

who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Eph 4:1-6 NKJV

The Carnal Mind

Carnal. Prone to sin and opposed to God; with cravings that excite to sin; governed by human nature instead of by the Spirit of God.¹

Consider the nation of Israel: *Judges 2:16-19*

Bears little or no fruit

Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit.

...I will make it a wasteland, ...

and briars and thorns will grow there.

See Isaiah 5:1-2, 6a KJV



Mark 4:18-20

See Proverbs 6:16-19. What does God hate?

¹Excerpts from Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary and Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words.

See *Luke 13:6-9. Romans 1:28. Colossians 2:18-19. Titus 1:15-16. Galatians 5:13-21.*
Ephesians 2:1-7; 4:17-24; 5:8-11. Galatians 6:1-10

Can “carnal” be used to describe used to describe worldly Christians?

See *1 Corinthians 3:1-4. Luke 15:20-24*

Consider these stages of Paul’s life. Which, if any, would you consider carnal?

- Did not know Him. *John 16:2-3*
- Saved, *Acts 9:1-19*
- Peter. *Galatians 2:11-14*
- Barnabas. *Acts 15:36-40*
- The war. *Romans 7:13-24*
- Thanks be to God. *Romans 7:25-8:4*
- Mindset on what the Spirit desires! *Romans 8:5-10*

Beware!

Now the Spirit expressly says that
in latter times some will
depart from the faith,
giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,
speaking lies in hypocrisy,
*having their own **conscience** seared with a hot iron,*

1 Timothy 4:1-2 NKJV

The Transformed Mind

Jesus said to him,

***"You shall love the LORD your God
with all your heart, with all your soul, and
with all your mind."***

This is the first and great commandment."

Matthew 22:37-38 NKJV

Come near to God and He will come near to you.

Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts,

you double-minded.

James 4:8 NIV

No one who is born of God will continue to sin,

because God's seed remains in him;

he cannot go on sinning,

because he has been born of God.

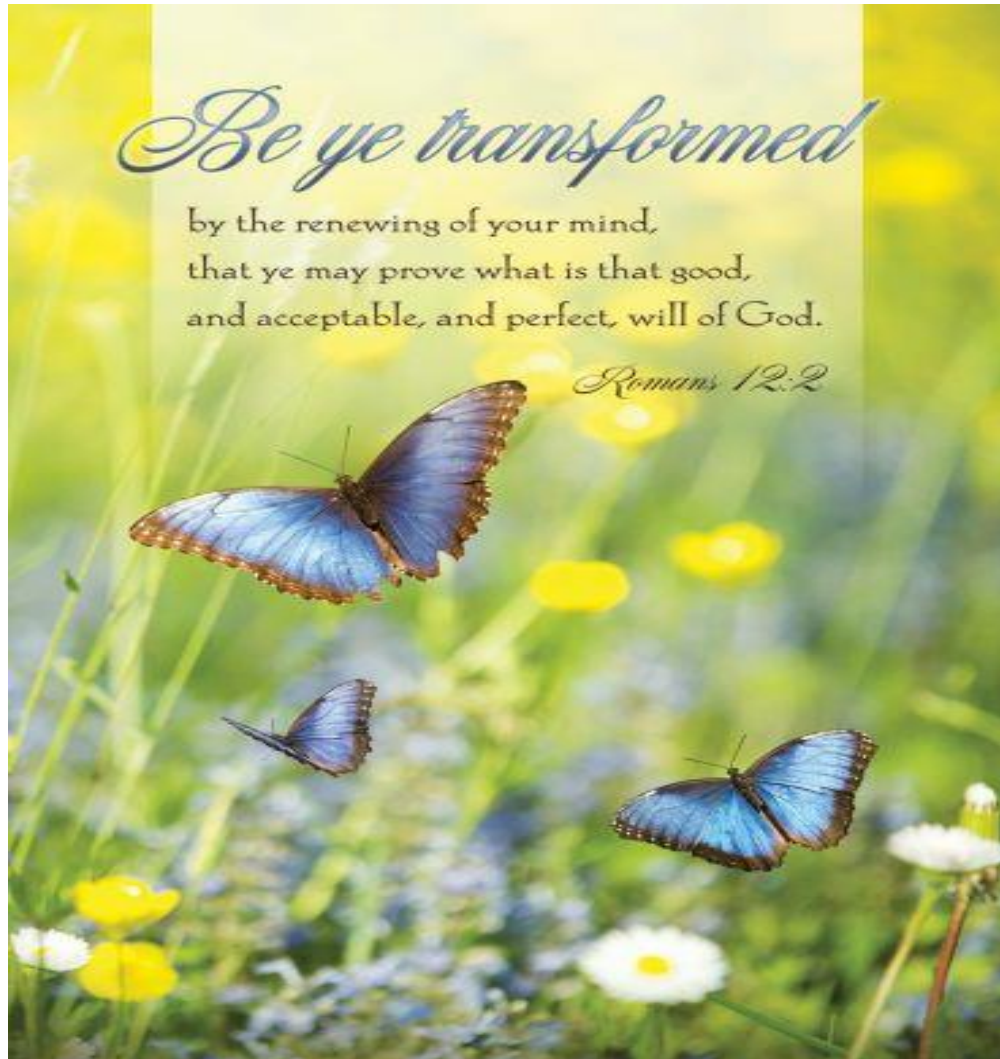
1 John 3:9 NIV

See Jeremiah 18: 7-10. Does God change His mind? Under what circumstance?

See John 10:28-30. 2 Corinthians 1:21-22. What do they mean, regarding your mind?

See 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. Acts 17:10-12. Galatians 5:6-10a. Romans 12:1-2.

A New way of Thinking



How does it happen? *1 Corinthians 3:6-9. Ephesians 4:15-16. 2 Peter 1:3-9.*

Colossians 1:21-23; 2:19. Acts 9: 21-22; 10:9-26. Luke 24:45-46a. 1 Peter 1: 13-16; 4:1-5.

Romans 8:1-7. Colossians 3:1-. Set your mind on _____, _____.


Colossians 3:12-17. Let the _____ of Christ rule.

Hebrews 13:11-16. Continually offer _____.

2 Corinthians 5:13-19.

*God through Christ gave us
the ministry of _____
the _____.*

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And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

- 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 (KJV) -