

Topic: The Transformed Mind

Text: Romans 12:2

Aim: To encourage believers to exercise attributes of a transformed mind.

Introduction: We have had several topics discussing the content of the heart/mind and its thoughts or contents in this manual. The repeated discussions are not a coincidence but divine, pointing us to the truth that God is very much interested in getting our minds transformed by the mouth/word of two or more witnesses – (Deuteronomy 19:15; Matthew 18:16; 2 Corinthians 13:1). The need for our minds to be transformed from the old man whose nature is sinful into the nature of the new man who is Christ our perfect example, is a major demand of God from us in this perilous time. This will enable us to know and walk in the will of God and enjoy the many benefits of sonship in Christ Jesus. In this study, we shall derive lessons from two kinds of minds and recommend us to the God's approved mind – the transformed mind.

Discussion Questions:

1. Discuss the attributes and consequences of an untransformed mind on a person, family and society. Acts 13:6 – 12; 1 Sam. 13:1 – 6, 28-29; Judges 16:4 – 21; Acts 5:1 – 11.
2. Discuss the attributes and effects of a transformed mind on a person, family and society. 1 Peter 3:1-11; Gen. 18:1 – 8, 19; Acts 18:24 – 28.
3. Is once a “transformed mind” forever a transformed mind? Prov. 24:16. Discuss
4. Discuss practical steps to transform an untransformed mind. Psalm 50:10; Ps. 119:11; Rom. 12:1 - 2.; Joel 2:13

Conclusion: The untransformed mind is the seat of all evil thoughts and imaginations, hence, the need for a transformation. In other words, God expects His children to have the mind of Christ which is otherwise known as the transformed mind. That means that the believer must do away with the old man (mind) and its attributes. Just as the untransformed mind can be transformed, the transformed mind, if not well guarded can be corrupted. Several steps which include prayers, reading the word of God, and presenting oneself as a living sacrifice can be used to transform an untransformed mind.

Memory Verse: Romans 12:2 “And be not conformed to the world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God”.