

Renewal And Testing

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Romans 12:2 (ESV)

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

We are on Fire! The Holy Spirit is supernaturally moving with power in the church! This is the context existing as these words are written. However these believers are going against the world system and historic norms plus they are facing strong opposition and persecution is arising.

In this situation based on Romans 12:1 we are urged to present our bodies as a living sacrifice devoted to God. Also here in verse two we are given three very clear statements showing how to present ourselves as a “Living Sacrifice”.

#1 Do not be conformed to this world!

#2 Renew you mind!

#3 Try out and Test what you learn!

The verse goes on to say that by doing this we will, “discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect”.

Note: “DISCERN THE WILL OF GOD!”

Bottom line, all believers, this is how “we” understand God and what HE is doing.

#1 Do not be conformed to this world!

James 4:4 (ESV)

You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. **(Real issue is, “who do you love!”)**

This is a decision based on what we believe.

Colossians 3:2 (ESV)

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. **(What is your mind focused on?)**

#2 Renew your mind!

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (ESV)

¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ **that the man of God may be complete**, equipped for every good work.

This is the breathed out Word of God that reflects God's very being. The world is producing one lie after another; promoting one false destructive solution after another; declaring as truth one set of false reasoning after another; all these false declarations have unforeseen devastating results. The truth countering these lies is the supernatural insight that comes from the breathed out Word of God; the Bible; God's very breath; the very wisdom of God. Renews the mind: Martin Luther; Smith Wigglesworth; Nicky Gumbel; Wallace!

#3 Test and experience what you know!

Hebrews 5:13–14 (ESV)

¹³ Everyone who lives on milk is **unskilled in the word** of righteousness, since he is a child. ¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, for **those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.**

You can study tennis and never be able to play tennis unless you pick up a tennis racket!

Christian must test and put into action their faith in order to experience the truth of God!

Philemon 1:6 (NIV84)

[I pray] that you may be active in sharing your faith, **so that you will have a full understanding** of every good thing we have in Christ.

Practice is a truth we recognize in every aspect of our life. Christianity without action is dead!

Brothers and Sisters God is giving us clear direction.

#1 We are going counter to the world, therefore, do not be conformed to this world. Who do you love!

#2 We need to renew our minds to understand what God is doing. Hang out with God!

#3 We are to test out everything we know. Pick up the tennis racket and take a swing!

**Start with the firm foundation;
Build from there;
Watch God work!**

John 3:16 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have
eternal life.

**Prophetic Team
Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current
situation or impact the future.**