

## **FROM GLORY TO GLORY**

### **II CORINTHIANS 3:15**

15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart.

### **II CORINTHIANS 3:16**

16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.

### **II CORINTHIANS 3:17**

17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

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**BEHOLDING:** katoptrizomai {kat-op-trid'-zom-ahee}  
to show in a mirror, to make to reflect , to mirror, to look at one's self in a mirror, to behold one's self in a mirror.

**In 2 Corinthians 3:18 Weymouth translates, "We mirror the glory of the Lord." With unveiled faces we looking as in a mirror, catch the light and reflect the glory of the Lord.**

**CHANGED:** metamorphoo {met-am-or-fo'-o}  
transfigure, transform, to change into another form, to transform, to transfigure, i.e. Christ appearance was changed and was

resplendent with divine brightness on the mount of transfiguration Mt. 17:2

### **ROMANS 8:29**

29 ¶ For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be **\*CONFORMED** to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

**CONFORMED:** summorphos {soom-mor-fos'} fashioned like unto, Having the same form as another, similar, conformed to e.g. describes what is the essence in character and thus complete or durable, not merely a form or outline.

### **ROMANS 12:2**

2 And **be not conformed** to this 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.

This verse has two key words: **world**, which in Greek is literally age aicōn, meaning this present age, in contrast to “the age to come”),

**and do not conform**, which is a compound having at its root the word scheme. So the verse means “Do not let the age in which you live force you into its scheme of thinking and behaving.”

The word rendered *conformed* properly means, to put on the *form, fashion, or appearance* of another. It may refer to anything pertaining to the habit, manner, dress, style of living, etc., of others.

**The Jerusalem Bible says, “Do not model yourselves on the behavior of the world around you.”**

**The Living Bible reads, “Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world.”**

**The paraphrase of J. B. Phillips, which states, “Don’t let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold.”**

**The idea in each of these renderings is that the world has its ways of thinking and doing things and is exerting pressure on Christians to conform to them.**

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***Be ye transformed.*** a Greek word which means **a very radical change from one nature and life to another**. It is the word metamorphoo which has given us our word metamorphosis.

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**MIND:** nous {nooce}

comprising alike the faculties of perceiving and understanding and those of feeling, judging, determining, the power of considering and judging soberly, calmly and impartially.

**THE WORLD WANTS TO CONTROL YOUR MIND, BUT GOD WANTS TO TRANSFORM YOUR MIND.**

**THE WORLD WANTS TO CHANGE YOUR MIND, SO IT EXERTS PRESSURE FROM WITHOUT.**

**POLITICS, SOCIAL MEDIA, THE WRONG PEOPLE, CAN ALL BRING PRESSURE ON US TO CHANGE OUR MINDS ABOUT TRUTH.**

**BUT THE HOLY SPIRIT CHANGES YOUR MIND BY RELEASING POWER FROM WITHIN.**

**THIS IS HOW SO MANY CHANGE THEIR VIEW OF WHAT IS RIGHT AND WRONG.**

**FOR MANY THE VIEW IS IN THEIR HEAD ONLY, SO CHANGE THEIR MIND AND YOU HAVE CHANGED THEM.**

**IF THE WORLD CONTROLS YOUR THINKING, YOU ARE A CONFORMER, IF GOD CONTROLS YOUR THINKING, YOU ARE A TRANSFORMER.**

**ROMANS 8:6**

6 For to be **carnally minded is death**; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

**ROMANS 8:7**

7 Because the **carnal mind** is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

**EPHESIANS 2:3**

3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, **fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind**; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

**EPHESIANS 4:17**

17 ¶ This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, **in the vanity of their mind**,

**EPHESIANS 4:18**

18 Having the **understanding darkened**, being alienated from the life of God through **the ignorance that is in them**, because of the blindness of their heart:

**EPHESIANS 4:19**

19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

**EPHESIANS 4:22**

22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

**EPHESIANS 4:23**

23 **And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;**

**EPHESIANS 4:24**

24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

**PHILIPPIANS 2:2**

2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be **likeminded**, having the same love, being of one accord, **of one mind**.

**PHILIPPIANS 2:3**

3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; **but in lowliness of mind** let each esteem other better than themselves.

**PHILIPPIANS 2:4**

4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

**PHILIPPIANS 2:5**

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

**COLOSSIANS 1:21**

21 And you, that were sometime alienated and **enemies in your mind** by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

**COLOSSIANS 2:18**

18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, **vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,**

**COLOSSIANS 3:12**

12 ¶ Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, **humbleness of mind**, meekness, longsuffering;

### **II TIMOTHY 1:7**

7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of **a sound mind**.

### **I PETER 1:13**

13 ¶ Wherefore **gird up the loins of your mind**, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

## **WHY DOES THE MIND NEED TO BE RENEWED?**

**The mind has been programmed with natural "established attitudes"**

**These are the beliefs, thoughts, ideas, opinions, convictions, prejudices that we have concerning ourselves, others, objects, activities, God, etc.**

### **How were these formed?**

Recommendation of parents, of educational system, of society (books, television, movies, etc.) of religious training, personal observation,

When two German universities joined forces to investigate social networking, researchers discovered that one in three people surveyed felt worse ("lonely, frustrated or angry") after spending time on Facebook, often due to perceived inadequacies when comparing themselves to friends.

Research also shows that Facebook can:  
Cause depression. A recently published American Academy of Pediatrics paper made a major splash when it described **Facebook depression** a condition said to result when

tweens and teens spend too much time on social media, leading them to turn to “substance abuse, unsafe sexual practices, or aggressive or self-destructive behaviors.”

The more time adolescent girls spent on the social networking site, the more likely they were to develop eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia, and extreme dieting, Israeli researchers recently found. Exposure to online fashion and music content, as well as watching TV shows like Gossip Girl, were also associated with an increased risk for eating disorders.

Facebook was referenced in 20 percent of divorce petitions processed in 2009 by Divorce-Online, a British law firm. Time magazine reported that feuding spouses use their Facebook pages to air dirty laundry, while their lawyers use posts as evidence in divorce proceedings. Sexual health expert Ian Kerner, PhD, recently blogged on CNN that he’s seen many relationships destroyed by “Facebook bombs” people reconnecting with high school sweethearts or other blasts from the past that can lead to emotional, if not actual, cheating.

Recent research has shown that using social networking sites, namely Facebook, can increase people’s stress levels, produce anxiety and negatively affect a person’s sense of self. Using these sites might even cause a person to develop a mental health disorder or expand an existing one. **Social media even has the power to quickly spread moods around the world.**

Researchers found that when the participants increased their Facebook use, their state of well-being declined, while those who increased the amount of time they spent with people face to face had an increased sense of well-being.

**It’s addictive.** Like anything that can distract us from stress, anxiety and emotional pain, Facebook can be hard to stop using. Even as, ironically, it can then cause more stress.

**THE MIND NEEDS TO BE RENEWED WITH GODLY  
"ESTABLISHED ATTITUDES"**

**THE THOUGHTS AND ATTITUDES OF THE MIND SERVE AS  
THE CONDUITS WHICH ALLOW FOR THE MOBILIZATION OF  
GODLY BEHAVIOR BY DIVINE ENERGIZING.**

**PROVERBS 23:7**

7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:.....

**PHILIPPIANS 4:8**

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, **think on these things.**

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