

TOPIC: THE RENEWED MIND.

THEME: WHAT DO WE NEED FOR A RENEWED MIND?

TEXT: ROMANS 12:1-2, 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, PHILIPPIANS 4:8

Introduction

The renewed mind is a necessity for the manifesting of the lifestyle of the kingdom of God. If the mind is not renewed. We will merely embrace a religious way of living and not the mind-set of the Kingdom.

Today we will be looking closely at “What is required by the believer to have a renewed mind”. How do you keep your mind from dwelling on unhealthy, untrue, or distracting thoughts?

B. WHAT do you need to for a renewed mind?

1. As you refocus your mind, you take a new picture of your future. **Philippians 4:8**

Discuss: How your mind defines and determines your tomorrow.

2. We can capture every thought and bring it to the obedience of the word of God **2 Corinthians 10:4-5**

Q: How do we do this daily?

3. God enables us to have sound, disciplined minds – **2 Timothy 1:7**

Q: What are the things you are currently doing on have a discipline thought life?

4. You meditate every day – **Joshua 1:8, Psalm 1:2**

Q: But are you meditating on the right thing?

5. You may have to build new friendships before you can renew your mind – **James 4:4, Romans 8:7, 1 Corinthians 15:33 (CEV)**

6. We can exchange our lack for Gods abundance – **Romans 8:5&7**

Q: How do we practically get rid of the lack mentality?

7. As we renew our minds with Gods higher thoughts we begin to experience Gods higher ways – **Colossians 3:1-2**

Give examples of this in everyday living?

8. Work on your thoughts because every action begins with a thought – **Proverbs 23:7, Philippians 4:8**

Q: What am I thinking today that will bring faith, hope and love in my life?

Conclusion

Our mind is the place of our intellect, reasoning, and intentions; our behaviour begins in our mind, and our mind is where spiritual transformation happens (Romans 12:2). It's no surprise that the adversary wants to mess with our thinking? The object of our regular thinking will determine how our days, years, and ultimately how our life plays out. Everything starts in the mind.

To focus our mind on God definitely requires some work. If we don't take purposeful action to ***set our mind on Jesus Christ***, then we will be allowing our mind to go anywhere it wants to go. In Philippians 4:8&9 Paul wanted the Philippians to first fix their thoughts first, then act upon them as well. However, it is not a one off thing but to keep on doing them till it becomes godly and spiritual habits.

“Sow a thought, reap an action; sow an action, reap a habit; sow a habit, reap a character; sow a character, reap a destiny.” It begins with a thought and that thought if acted upon will shape who we are and who we become in future.