

Renewing the Mind

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I. Introduction.

- A. Singles are tempted to give up because what is taught about marriage does not seem to mesh with reality.
- B. Biblical imperatives apart from biblical thinking results in short term obedience and long-term frustration.
- C. Until we learn to think correctly, we will never learn to behave correctly.
- D. Text: Romans 12:1-2.

II. One becomes non-worldly by renewing the mind—it is a matter of right thinking.

- A. We must not only recognize wrong thoughts—we must replace them with new ones.
- B. The key to all behavior in the New Testament is renewing the mind.
- C. We buy into a way of thinking that is so appealing that when we are tempted we disobey.
- D. We can be free of earthly cares through the renovation of the mind.

III. Reasons to renew the mind.

- A. It gives perspective.
 - 1. One develops a grid system to interpret life accurately.
 - 2. One will see what he is looking for.
 - 3. Scripture memory and meditation are key to the renewal of the mind.
 - 4. Pick verses that relate to your need.
- B. It gives freedom.

Application questions:

- 1. Why must obedience begin with mind renewal?

2. What needs do you have that you could look for some Scripture to memorize? What verses might help?

3. How would you counsel someone struggling with sin in light of the message?
