

Renewing of the Mind

Rom 12:1-17

This chapter begins the final section of Romans which focuses on **Service** from chapters 12 through 16. It is here that Paul tells us how to put our learning into practice. In Chapter 12, the apostle gives us four pictures of the Believer:

1. A sacrifice on the altar. Vs. 1-2
2. A member of the body. Vs. 3-8
3. A brother in the family. Vs. 9-13
4. A soldier in the battle. Vs. 14-21



Introduction

- The believer is to be totally devoted to God .
Everything he is and has is to be dedicated to the worship and service of God. Anything less than total commitment is short of God's glory and becomes sin in the believers life. Therefore, when discussing the believer's relationship to God anything short of total commitment sets one up for failure. Without question, the Scripture urges total devotion. John 12:24, Matt 16:24



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Romans 12:1

- [1]I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service..
- The Christian who fails is the one who first failed at the alter, refusing to surrender himself completely to Christ.
- The motive for obedience is love; Paul doesn't say, "I command you" but I beg you, because of what Christ has already done for you. We don't serve Christ to get his mercies; we already have them, we serve him out of love. John 14:15, 1John 5:2-3_
- True dedication is not walking the aisle once. It is the presenting of the body; yielding it to God...It is the renewing of the mind by the Word of God... It is surrendering the will through prayer a day at a time.
- Do you see the problem God has dealing with a living sacrifice?
- A living sacrifice can always change it mind and get up. smile



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- Scripture reveals several significant things about the human body.
- When God created man, He created him in His own image Gen. 1:27 That image rested in the human body. An image is only a shadow. It is like the picture on a stamp: the picture is not the person; it is only an image of the person. The point is: man's body is of supreme importance to God. God gave the body the stamp of His very own image.
- When God sent His Son into the world, He chose to send Him in a human body. Hebrews 2:14-15
- When God's Son was put to death and His body buried, God raised His body up from the grave and took His resurrected body into the spiritual world.
- Scripture teaches that the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, that the body actually *houses* the presence of God's Spirit. 1Cor. 6:19-20
- Scripture teaches that the body has been created to exist eternally and that the body of man will actually be resurrected from the dust of the ground and recreated into a perfect body. 1Cor. 15:1-58; 1Thes. 4:14-18

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- Scripture teaches that the body is to be cared for to the ultimate degree, being developed and disciplined to the fullest. Romans 6:13
- In summary, Scripture teaches that the human body is of supreme importance to God; therefore, man should take care of his body as well as is humanly possible. The body does not exist for this life alone; it has a far more supreme purpose than to just exist for a few years and then cease to be. The body of man has been created by God to be resurrected and to live eternally.



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- [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
- The word “conformed” comes from the root word *schema* which means fashion, the outward form, the appearance of a man.
- The word “world” in the simplest of terms means the world itself and everything in it, for it is all corruptible. 1John 2:15
- The believer is not to be fashion his life after this world. .
- God does not have 3 wills; good, acceptable, perfect. Rather , we grow in our appreciation of Gods will. Some Christian obey God because they know that obedience is good for them, and they fear chastening. Others obey because they find Gods will acceptable. But the deepest devotion is in those who love Gods will and find it perfect.



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- [3] For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.
- 1Corn. 12:1-6 shares this same truth. That the believer is baptized into the body of Christ, and is given a gift to use for the benefit of the whole church. The sum of the whole is greater than its parts. Eph. 4:8
- There is the universal Body made up of all believers in Christ from Pentecost to the Rapture: but there is also the local body, through which each believer ministers to the Lord. Most of the 112 references in the NT to the church refer to a local congregation of baptized believers.
- Think of yourself, but think soberly. The word means to be balanced, sane, in one's right mind. Every person is important to God; every person is meaningful and significant to God's kingdom.
- The reasons why we are to walk humbly before others are clearly spelled out...what we are and have has come from God. It is God who has "dealt to every man the measure of faith." The word "faith" in the context of these verses means a *working faith*. 1Corn 4:7

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- God gifts *every person*, not just one person nor just a few persons.
- No person or persons have a monopoly on any gift or ability. Every single believer has been gifted by God; not a single believer has been omitted by God. One believer is as important to God as any other believer, no matter who the believer may be. There is no room for pride and arrogance in the Kingdom of God, no place for thinking that one is more important than others. Such thoughts are insane.
- The sum of the whole is greater than its parts. This is the most beautiful picture of the body of Christ in Scripture, and because of its effectiveness it is often used. (1 Cor. 10:17; 1 Cor. 12:12; 1 Cor. 12:27; Eph. 1:22-23; Eph. 2:16; Eph. 4:4, 15-16; Eph. 5:22f; Col. 1:18, 24).



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- [4] For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: [5] So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.
- Believers can be compared to the human body. The human body has many parts or members, and no two members have the same function. So it is with believers. Believers are many, yet they are one body *in Christ*. Every single believer has a distinct function to fulfill in the world, yet he is a member of all other believers.
- It should be noted that the believer's union is not organizational. It is not the same kind of unity that exists in a civic or social club, which is a unity based upon such things as friendship, preference, profession, or organization. The union between genuine believers is born of the Spirit of God, of a true *spiritual birth and union*. It is a union that is in constant and intimate fellowship with God and that draws its life and purpose and meaning and significance from God.
- The union between genuine believers is a union that is *quickenened and made alive* by a common Spirit, a Spirit that truly lives, the Holy Spirit of God Himself.

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- The point is clearly stated: all members do not have the same office or function. God has set the believer in the world for a specific purpose, and God has gifted the believer with whatever measure of faith is needed to fulfill his function.
- There is no room for self-elevation, pride, or arrogance—no room for thinking too highly of oneself. The believer does not stand alone in the world. Every believer has a measure of faith to do his task.
- Every believer is needed to complete, and perfect the body. The body becomes handicapped without the functioning of every member.
- The point is this: believers are to evaluate and know themselves well. They are to know who they are and the gifts which God has given them.
- Only as we know ourselves—accurately, honestly, and truthfully—can we make the contribution we should to our families, jobs, society, church, and the world. Only as we serve to our full capacity can we fulfill our task on earth. If we think too highly of ourselves, we attempt too much and end up failing. If we think too little of ourselves, we never do as much as we could nor make the contributions that we could have made.

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[6] Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

The word “gift” (charism) means the very special ability given to the believer by God. Note that the gift is from God; it is not a natural talent. The believer could not have attained the ability himself. It is a spiritual gift given by the Spirit of God for spiritual purposes. It is given to the believer so that he can fulfill his task on earth.

Note also that the gifts are said to be given “according to the grace that is given to us.” This means that the gifts are given after we come to know the *grace* of God. This is part of our *heritage in Christ*, the glorious privilege...of being given a special task upon earth..of being given purpose and meaning in life. What are the gifts? Several are singled out in 1Cor.12:4-31;1Cor.13:1-13;Eph. 4:7-16;

1. There is the *gift of prophecy*. In the O.T. the gift of prophecy was the gift to proclaim and explain the will of God. The proclamation dealt with past, present, and future events. However, in the N.T, the gift of prophecy changes dramatically. The prophet is seldom seen predicting the future. Instead, he is seen proclaiming what has taken place in the Lord Jesus Christ and what has been *revealed by Christ* concerning future events. His function is to edify, exhort, and comfort. 1Corn. 14:3

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- [7] Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;.
- There is the *gift of ministry*. The word is often used of a servant or of a person who serves others in the most practical ways. Therefore, the meaning would be the very special ability to serve, minister, aid, help and assist them in such a way that they are *built up* and truly helped. It is the most practical of gifts. All of us can help, but there are some believers who are unusually gifted with the very special gift of ministry. Matt. 10:42 Galatians 6:10, Phil. 2:5-7, James 1:27
- There is the *gift of teaching*. Teaching is the ability to explain, root, and ground people in the truth. The Word of God not only needs to be proclaimed by the prophet, but it must also be explained by the teacher. People must be guided and rooted in all the truths of the Word day by day, week by week, and year by year. This is the teacher's task.
- How desperately the church needs good, solid teaching. People are walking out the back door of the church almost as fast as they are coming in the front door, all because they are not rooted and grounded in Christ. (1 Cor. 12:28). Ephes. 4:11 (Matthew 28:20).
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- [8] Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness
- There is the gift of exhortation. This is the very special ability to excite, motivate, advise, encourage, comfort, and warn people. The dominant factor would be the motivation and encouragement of people, the ability to stir people to make a decision for Christ and to grow in Him. It is the gift that arouses people to get up and get busy fulfilling their task for the Lord. **2Tim. 4:2, Titus 1:9, Titus 2:11-15**
- There is the *gift of giving*. This simply means the giving of one's earthly possessions such as money, clothing, and food. Note that in listing this particular gift, Scripture adds a point: it tells how the person is to give. He is to give with "simplicity". The word has several ideas. It means..to give with sincerity and in simplicity..to give with singleness of heart and without show..to give liberally and generously.

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- The point is this: God gives some persons the special gift to make money in order to have plenty to help others and to spread the gospel around the world. These persons... must give and give generously.
- They must not hoard and bank and misuse their gift of wealth..must not give grudgingly and complainingly about having to give..must not give to attract attention or to heap honor upon themselves..must not give to boost their own egos and pride. **(Matthew 6:3). (1 Cor. 16:2). (2 Cor. 9:7).**
- There is the gift of *ruling*. This means the ability of leadership, authority, administration, government. Note that this person is to lead with diligence: with haste, zeal, desire, and concentrated attention. There is no room for laziness, complacency, and irresponsibility in the Kingdom of God and His church. The leaders are the ones who are to blaze the path for the flock of God, and they are to do it with zeal, hard work, and iron determination. **Romans 12:11, 1 Peter 5:2-3**



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- There is the *gift of mercy*. This is a person who is full of forgiveness and compassion, pity and kindness toward others. Note that mercy is not getting what you deserve. Mercy is looking beyond one's faults to meet their needs.
- The person with the gift of mercy... is not to forgive grudgingly..Is not to hesitate in forgiving others..Is not to show mercy in an annoyed spirit..Is not to show mercy in a spirit of criticism and rebuke toward the person who needs help.
- This often happens when the person is down and out because of unemployment, lack of education, or some other unfortunate circumstance.
- The believer who has the spirit of mercy is to show mercy with a cheerful and joyful heart, doing all he can to lift up the person needing mercy. **(Matthew 5:7) (Luke 6:36) (Hosea 12:6) (Micah 6:8).**



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- [9] Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good..
- The believer is to love sincerely without hypocrisy. The word “dissimulation” means without hypocrisy, without play-acting. It means that a person does not just say “I love you,” but he actually loves.
- The love being spoken about is love for all men and not only for believers. He must show love and respect, interest and attention, care and concern; but he must not show it from an impure motive: to seek gain, to gain an advantage, to gain position, to court favor, to gain attention, to fulfill a duty, to push self.
- He must love them because God loves them and because they desperately need to know that Jesus Christ has come to earth to reveal God’s love to all men. **2 Cor. 6:3, 6, 2 Cor. 8:8, 1 John 3:18**
- There are four very practical ways the believer is to demonstrate his love for other men. Remember that the love being commanded is love for all men, for the lost as well as for other believers.

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- 1. The believer is to love by hating evil. The word “abhor” is strong. It means to hate with intense feeling.
- Love desires the very best for people; therefore, love hates evil, for evil destroys human life. The believer stands against evil, doing all he can to fight... hunger and poverty, hurt and pain, drunkenness and drugs, cursing and bitterness, and divisiveness, disease and suffering, ignorance and, family divisiveness and divorce, off-colored and dirty talk, immorality and destructive sex, selfishness and greed, corruption and death. The list could go on and on.
- The point is that the believer must love, and he shows his love by hating and fighting against that which is evil. 1 Cor. 10:6, 1Thes. 5:22, James 4:17, 1Peter 3:11, Job 28:28, Pro. 14:16
- 2. The believer is to love by cleaving to that which is good. The word “cleave” means to join or fasten together, to attach, to cement or glue together. The believer is to desire only the very best—all the good possible—for people. The believer shows that he truly loves people by holding fast and working for the good. Luke 6:35, Gal. 6:10, 1 Tim. 6:18, Heb.13:16, 1 Peter 2:15

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- [10] Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;
- 3.The believer is to love by being kind and affectionate toward his brother. The word “affectionate” means the love existing between family members. We are a family of children who have actually been adopted by God as His sons and daughters 2Cor.6:17-18;Rom.8:16-17
- 4.The believer is to love by giving preference to other believers. The word “honor” means to reverence, respect, esteem. The word “preferring” means to go before, to lead, to set an example. The charge is clear: the believer is to take the lead in esteeming and expressing respect for others.
- Imagine a church full of believers with each taking the lead in esteeming and honoring the other. How needed this exhortation is in the church and among believers!
- How much divisiveness has been caused because a brother or sister was... overlooked, not honored, not esteemed, not thanked, not recognized, not given a position, not given a right not given a place, not shown appreciation? Phil. 2:3-4)(1 Cor. 10:33).(1 Cor. 10:24).

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- [11] Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;
- The believer is to serve the Lord. The charge is twofold.
- 1. Do not lag in zeal; do not be slothful in business. The word “slothful” means to be lazy, lethargic, complacent, hesitating, delaying. The word “business” means diligence, zeal, earnestness.
- The believer just cannot approach life in a lackadaisical, easy-going, slow-moving fashion. He must be enthusiastic in his service. Eph. 4:28, 2 Thes. 3:10-12. Proverbs 19:15. Eccles. 9:10.
- 2. Be fervent in spirit. The word “fervent” means to be hot, to boil. The believer’s spirit is to be hot, that is, on fire for Christ. The believer must have a holy zeal for Christ. He must be on fire in his service for Christ. Why? If you catch on fire the world will come to watch you burn. (1 Cor. 14:12) (2 Tim. 1:6).
- 3. Serve the Lord. The idea is that we are to be focusing upon the Lord in all we do. It is Him whom we serve. We live in order to serve Him; that is, our very purpose for being on earth is to minister for Him and His kingdom Col. 3:23-24, Hebrews 12:28, Eph. 6:5-7.
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- [12] Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; [13] Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.
- The believer is to conquer trials. Believers will face problems, difficulties, troubles, trials, tests, tribulations, traumas, sufferings and pain. Nevertheless, the believer has an *overcoming resource*. He can conquer the trials of life by doing three critical things.
- 1.The believer is to rejoice in hope. His hope is God—God’s presence, concern, and care. The believer knows that God will do one of two things: either *remove* the trial or deliver him *through* the trial. The believer knows he does not have to face trials alone, that no situation is hopeless. The believer is the eternal optimist: his hope is in the eternal God. Therefore, he not only hopes in the delivering power of God, he joys and rejoices in the hope God has given him. (Titus 2:12-13). (1 Peter 1:3-4). (1 Peter 1:6-9). (1 Peter 4:12-13). (2 Cor. 6:10). (Acts 5:41; Acts 16:23-25).

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- 2.The believer is to endure trials. The word “patient” means to endure, remain, persevere, abide, bear up bravely. The believer actually experiences a surge of fortitude from Christ when trials confront him. (Phil. 4:13). Ephes. 3:16). (Ephes. 3:20). (Isaiah 41:10).
- 3.The believer is to continue in prayer. The phrase “continuing instant” means to give constant attention to; to be devoted and attentive to; to give unceasing care to; to wait steadfastly upon, to persevere. Very simply, the believer overcomes trials by giving constant attention to God and waiting upon His delivering power. The believer stays in constant communion with his Lord, depending upon Him to supply the strength to walk through the trials of daily living. Matthew 7:7-8; Matthew 7:9-11, Matthew 26:41, Luke 18:1, Ephes. 6:18, 1 Thes. 5:17



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- [14] Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. [15] Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Believers are instructed to bless people that appose you and not curse them. In other words speak well of them. The spiritual reality is a blessing is stronger than a curse, because a curse can be broken, but a blessing cannot be broken. Num. 22:6,12, Num 23:20, Matt 5:10-12
- The 70 disciples mentioned in Luke 10 used this method of speaking peace or blessing to the world with great success. 10:1-3, 5-9, 17-19
- We are to rejoice with our neighbors and friends and acquaintances when something good happens to them: a new baby, some, some promotion, some new purchase, some recognition.
- However, this charge is not as easy as it sounds on the surface, for it often goes against the grain of human nature. Too often it is human nature to envy a person's success. to feel disappointment. to act indifferent. This is the reason for this charge to the believer. The believer is to *feel and act* differently than the world. The believer is to conquer his nature: he is to feel joy over the success of others and to show his joy by joining in with them in their moment of joy. Hebrews 4:15-16

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- [16] Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits
- The believer is to seek harmony and to associate with men of low estate. Three very specific instructions are given. 1. The believer is to “be of the same mind” toward others. This refers primarily to our attitude and behavior toward others and their lot in life. 2. The believer is to strive to understand their lives. 3. The believer is to understand the other person to such a degree that he can completely identify and feel with the person. 1 Cor. 1:10, 2 Cor. 13:11, Eph. 4:3, Phil. 1:27, 1 Peter 3:8
- How can the believer demonstrate such love and empathy? The next two points clearly answer the question. 1. “Mind not High things” refers to seeking the things of preeminence, honor, prestige, and recognition. The believer is not to be snobbish. On the contrary, he is to condescend to men of low estate. He is to look upon the poor and lowly and to give his life to meeting their needs. He is not to neglect, ignore, separate, criticize, or despise the men of low estate. (Luke 22:26).” James 2:1-4, James 4:10, 1 Peter 5:5, Micah 6:8

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- In spite of the instructions give in the word of God, many do feel above and better than others, and they choose the most foolish of things to give them superior feelings, for example, clothes, social group, position, cars, job recognition, school, honor, wealth. The list could go on and on, but note how weak a foundation each of these provides to *human life*.
- The believer is not to walk through life as a *conceited fool*, thinking himself above and better than other persons. He is to walk humbly, knowing that he is a man just like all other men. He is of inestimable value, yes, but of no more value than any other man.
- Note another fact that needs to be considered. The pride of intellect or fancied superiority is probably the worst pride there is. It is more insidious and more injurious than any other pride. It leads to a contempt of the opinions of others and an extreme reliance on self Col. 1:18; 3 John 9.
- The attitude which the gospel requires is that of a little child: simple, trusting, and humble. Pro. 3:7, Isaiah 5:21; Romans 11:25, **Romans 12:3, Galatians 6:3, Isaiah 5:21**

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[17] Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men

- The point is this: the believer is not to react (retaliate) against a person who mistreats and does evil against him. There are at least two reasons why he is not to react.
- Retaliation will most likely destroy the friendship of the person and lose all hope of ever reaching the person for Jesus Christ. The evil doer will be able to say, “A believer did that to me.” The believer will have made Christ an *unappealing* Savior. On the other hand, if the believer returns good for evil, he opens the door for eventual friendship and bears testimony to the love of God for all men, even for those who do evil. John 3:16
- Retaliation is not the way of God or of Christ. Matt. 5:39, 1Peter 2:23
- The desire for you to retaliate is an indication that you have a heart and spirit of unforgiveness. As long as you are holding on and not releasing people who have hurt you in the past, you are mortgaging your own future. Matt. 6:15, Matt. 18:23-35



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- [18] If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.
- Provide things honest in the sight of all men suggest that the Christian lives in a glass house and must be aware of the scrutiny of others. I'm going to live my own life is a sinful attitude for a believer, in the light of Rom. 14:7-11, 1Corn 6:20.
- People; are watching us , and as much as possible, we should live peaceable with all men. Of course, we cannot compromise with sin, or have a," peace at any price," attitude. The attitude and spirit of Mt 5:38-48 will help us be peacemakers Matt 5:9
- The principle is a believer must turn himself over to the Lord and therefore the Lord must take care of him and fight his battles for him. We need spiritual wisdom James 1:5 when it comes to dealing with the gospel, on the other Paul used the Roman Law on several occasions to protect himself and the gospel. Acts 16:35-40 yet he was willing to become all things to all men that he might win some to Christ. If we practice Rom 12:1-2 daily, we can be sure He will direct us in the obeying of the rest of the chapter.

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- [19] Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. [20] Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. [21] Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.
- The believer is to give no place to revenge. There are three reasons for this charge.
- 1. Vengeance belongs to God. Note the words, “Dearly beloved.” The exhortation is definitely directed to believers. It would be a wonderful thing if *all men* practiced and lived by this rule. Vengeance belongs to God, not to man. However, Scripture is clear: God will repay—God will execute vengeance. (Hebrews 10:30). (Deut. 32:35).
- 2. Treating an enemy with kindness will affect him. By doing good the believer heaps “coals of fire” on his enemy’s head. This means: Kindness will shame and back the cycle of retaliation. There is some chance the enemy might repent and be converted. (Pro. 25:21-22)
- 3. Vengeance makes evil victorious and the enemy gets a 2 for 1 offer.

What Kind of Culture did God Intend for his Church To Be

God never intended for his church to be a subculture within a dominate culture satisfied with simply survival, but a counterculture empowered to make a difference in the marketplace. We are the salt of the earth, and the light of the world. God had not called us simply to survive in the marketplace. God has placed us there as an anointed glorified virus to bring transformation right where we are.

- Rom 12:1 be not conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind that you might prove that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.
- You're going to be challenged. But, remember, Rom. 12:21 be not overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good.
- We as believers are called and anointed to make the difference in our cities, neighborhoods, our workplaces. 1John 4:4, 2Corn. 4:7 One of us can chase a thousand 2 of us can put 10,000 to flight. Are we ready to be intentional on a new level?

The spiritual man

- Genesis 1:26-27 God created man like himself. Man was created a speaking spirit. Adam spoke to God and God spoke to Adam. Adams speech was connected with his spirit, just like God. Adam never went to school but had a perfect knowledge. God had him Name all the animals. How did he know what to name them? He had a spirit that could discern the mind of God. Col 3:10



The world was made for Adam

- Genesis 2:1-2 This world was not made for God. It was made for Adam. God has already done everything he is going to do and is resting now.
- The world is our inheritance



The Natural Man

- Genesis 2:5-8 There was no natural man to till the ground. God added another dimension to Man. God formed a body from the dust of the earth and breath in him the breath of life and Adam didn't become a living body but a living soul. This connected Adam to the Earthly realm. In that body he had five senses. Sight, touch, smell, sound, reason. We are citizens of two worlds. The physical world and the spiritual world. We are designed to operate in both.



The Fall

- Genesis 3:3-5. But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, thou shalt not eat of it nor shalt thou touch it, lest thou die.
- And the serpent said, unto the woman thou shalt not surely die. For God doth know in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes will be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.
- And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was pleasant to the eyes and a tree desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also to her husband with her and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were open, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons. Satan who is now the god of this world. 2Corn 4:4 After the fall man was controlled by his senses



The Result

- What happened when Adam sinned? His ability to operate in the spiritual world was disconnected and he began to be dominated by his five senses. He could no longer discern the mind of God. His ability to communicate was lost. Genesis 3:7-13.
- God had to go looking for Adam to ask him a question. Adam what have you done? Adam starts to hear other voices. God ask him another question, who told you were naked? Adam doesn't answer. He is hearing other voices and obeying them. Can we still hear other voices?
- What do we do when we hear those voices? Jesus was faced with the same challenge in the wilderness but defeated those voices with the word of God. Matt 4:4





- John 3:3-6 reconnect with the spirit world. Reconnect with a right relationship with God. Reconnect with who we are. We can now operate in both realms.
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- It became necessary for a second Adam to come and succeed where the first Adam failed.



- Luke 19:10 Jesus was that second Adam who came to seek and to save that which was lost. What was lost in the garden through Adams disobedience? 1. His relationship with God. 2. His relationship with each other. 3. The dominion over all of creation. Genesis 1:26.



- Your inheritance has been deposited in the unseen world or in the spirit world. Our job is to transfer our inheritance into this natural world.



- Matt 6:9-10 – We are instructed to pray thy kingdom come thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.



- Matt 18:18 we have been given the power to bind and loose in the earthly realm. Have been given the keys to the kingdom



What we have in Christ

- Ephesian 1:3-4 – bless with all spiritual blessing in Christ
Jesus. 1:19-23, 2:6, 3:10, 6:12
- Romans 4:13 – we are heir to the world



- Gal 3:7-13, 29 – we that are of faith are of the seed of Abraham
- Colossians 1:12-14 Meet means made able to be partakers of the inheritance



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Romans 8:1-8

The law of the spirit of life has set me free from the law of sin and death.

The law of gravity says what goes up must come down therefore for an object fly through the air for a sustained period of time is impossible. The law can only be overcome if a greater law is discovered.

The Wright Brothers discovered a greater law and it was the law of aerodynamics and we have been soaring like eagles ever since. As a believer we must discover the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus.

- 1Corinthians 2:14 the natural man



- James 3:2-8 - The tongue can no man tame. This is a world governed by words
- Romans 4:17 We can call those thing which are not as though they were.
- Mark 11:22-24 Watch your desire. Say only what you desire. Keep the bit in your mouth and put pressure on the tongue. God says my people keep saying what they have and they are having what they say. Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for the lack of knowledge



- Act 2:4 God was reconnecting man's tongue with his spirit. The Holy Ghost is the only thing that can tame the tongue.
- 1Corn 14:2 he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh unto God in a mystery
- 1Corn 14:14 When I pray in an unknown tongue my spirit prays but my understanding is unfruitful.
- Others:



- Duet 28:6-13
- Start with the story of children of Israel leaving Egypt crossing the red Sea wondering in the wilderness for 40 years because of unbelief, doubts, ignorance. What the spies saw with their natural eyes cause them to give an evil report, Joshua and Caleb gave good reports because they saw themselves different then the others. 10 spies saw themselves as grasshoppers.



- Romans 4:29
- Romans 8:17
- We have citizenship in two worlds. The physical world and the spiritual world. We are designed to operate in both. Your inheritance has been deposited in the unseen world or in the spirit world. Our job is to transfer our inheritance into this natural world.
- Romans 4:13
- Gal 3:7-13, 29
- Ephesians 1:3-4



- Genesis 2:1-2 God has already done everything he is going to do and is resting now. The world is ours we must possess it.
- Ps 35:27 God takes pleasure in prosperity
- Haggi 2:8 Silver and Gold belong to God



- The highest things in the natural are the lowest in the spiritual. Rev. 21:21



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- Romans 8:14-15 We are the children of God.
- Prov. 20:27
- Genesis 1:26-27 God created man like himself. Man was created a speaking spirit



- Before the fall Adam didn't learn he discerned. Name all the animals
- Genesis 2:7-8 another dimension. Man body was formed from the dust of the earth



- Genesis 3:5 this world was not made for God. It was made for Adam. Adam was the god of this world until he lost the title deed to Satan who is now the god of this world. 2Corn 4:4 After the fall man was controlled by his senses
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