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2 Corinthians 5:17

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This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

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New Mind

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¹¹Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. ¹²We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than

2 Corinthians 5:11-15 (NIV)

in what is in the heart. ¹³If we are “out of our mind,” as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them

2 Corinthians 5:11-15 (NIV)

and was raised again.

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So a man thinks in his heart, so is he.

Proverbs 23:7

Your beliefs become your thoughts,
Your thoughts become your words,
Your words become your actions,
Your actions become your habits,
Your habits become your values,
Your values become your destiny.

— Some motivational meme

A NEW MIND

3 WAYS TO RENEW THE MIND

1. Make intentional effort to unlearn bad education
(Romans 12:2)

²Do not **CON**-form to the pattern of this world,
but be **TRANS**-formed by the renewing of your mind.

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

²Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by **changing the way you think**. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:2 (NLT)

**ILLUSTRATION:
Paul on the Road to Damascus**

WAYS TO RENEW THE MIND

1. Make intentional effort to unlearn bad education (Romans 12:2)
2. Get real and honest about your dark side of who you are — aka “shadow side” (Matthew 15:18-19)

¹⁸But the things that come out of a person's mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.

Matthew 15:18-19 (NIV)

¹⁴but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed.

James 1:14 (NIV)

¹What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?

James 4:1 (NIV)

“Unfortunately there can be no doubt that man is, on the whole, less good than he imagines himself or wants to be. Everyone carries a shadow, and the less it is embodied in the individual's conscious life, the blacker and denser it is. At all counts, it forms an unconscious snag, thwarting our most well-meant intentions.”

— Carl Jung

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3. Change our mental diet (Philippians 4:8)

⁹And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. **Fix your thoughts** on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

Philippians 4:8 (NLT)

⁹We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:5 (NIV)

ILLUSTRATION:
The story of the 1 gram of sugar

⁵We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:5 (NLT)

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3. Change our mental diet (Philippians 4:8)

4. Develop a discipline of godliness (1 Cor. 9:27, 1 Tim. 4:7, Romans 8:1-11)

²⁷No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

1 Corinthians 9:27 (NIV)

⁷Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly.

1 Timothy 4:7 (NIV)

ILLUSTRATION:
The Little Engine that Could

All success in life and in the spirit is made up of hundreds little "I CANs"

ABILITY VS DISCIPLINE

You CAN = Ability

You WILL = Discipline

“A man who governs his passions is master of his world. We must either command them or be enslaved by them. It is better to be a hammer than an anvil.”

— St. Dominic de Guzmán

DISCIPLINE OF THE SPIRIT

Romans 8:1-11
