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2. Renewing our mind is to bring our *thinking* to the place where we view reality from *God's perspective*.

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“CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK – HAVE GOD’S PERSPECTIVE OF REALITY”

- X. When the believer's mind is renewed, and that believer is operating with the Mind of Christ, then and only then will he or she have God's perspective of their reality.
 - A. And God's perspective is: *The ability to train our thoughts to be unaffected by the external in order that we can correctly perceive God's way through comparing all things as to importance!*
 1. The New Living Translation of Romans 12:2 reveals this very wonderfully: **“Don'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 know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is.”**
 2. We think from a different reality – from heaven toward earth!
 3. We call it, *“transformed perspective,”* which simply means that Jesus' disciples have renewed minds that prove the will of God.
 4. We prove the will of God by putting the reality of heaven on display in this world.
 5. Please remember, God has commissioned Christians to demonstrate the will of God, “on earth as it is in heaven.”
 - a. There is only one way to carry our co-mission out, and that is for us to accept sub-mission to the primary mission. Which is!
 - b. The *expanding of the Kingdom of Heaven on this earth* by enforcing

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Jesus' rule of authority in destroying the works of the devil.

6. In order to do that we must operate with renewed minds and change the way we think.
 - a. We must know what God wants us to do, and then do it.

“THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MIND”

- B. It is understandable that the Church as a whole has a hesitancy when the mind is considered a tool of God.
 1. There have been times in church history that the intellectual aspect of the mind had been exalted to the point that it wiped out the Christian's lifestyle of faith.
 2. Because of this, men of faith have been lured into a mind set of skepticism and doubt.
 - a. Therefore, theology has been exalted at the expense of belief, and academic assessment has replaced firsthand, supernatural experiences.
 - b. So, there is good reason not to let the mind dictate how we will believe.
 3. But the real truth is, Christians often react to error and create another error in the process.
 - a. In this case, the error is that the church has downplayed the importance of the mind, implying that it has no value at all, and that it is irredeemably corrupt and humanistic.
 4. In actuality the mind is a powerful instrument of the Spirit of God, and the human spirit.

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“YOUR MIND IS THE GATEWAY TO YOUR SOUL”

- XI. God has made the mind (soul) to be the *gatekeeper of Kingdom activity* on this earth.