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thoughts proceeding from or taking place within a person's mind such as to be unaffected by the external world.

- b. **Evaluation** means to ascertain or fix the value or worth of.
 - (1) Simply stated, the believer must decide between spiritual reality and natural reality, and give himself or herself over to the spiritual side.
 - c. **Reality** is the quality or state of being actual or true.
 - (1) After we "evaluate" we must then believe Heaven's reality over earth's reality.
 - d. **Comparative Importance** is the ability to examine in order to note the similarities or differences of that being compared.
 - (1) All things should be spiritually discerned, but at the same time we should never become so heavenly minded that we are no earthly good.
3. So, to sum up, we should be able to see things from God's perspective which 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 their importance!*
- a. What we see, hear, smell, taste or feel on this earth should never take preeminence over what God and His Word states.

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THE ABILITY TO OPERATE IN COMPARATIVE IMPORTANCE A RESULT OF RENEWING THE MIND

- VI. All of the above brings us into the state of possessing the ability to operate in *comparative importance*.
- A. The thoughts of our mind should never be affected by earth's reality, and then we will be able to have *subjective evaluation* of all events around us.
 - 1. Our *reality* is the belief that every word out of God's mouth is true and that

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word will produce our reality.

2. We accomplish this by the *renewing of our minds*.
3. Renewing our mind is much more than reading Scripture and then trying to remember to keep it in our everyday lives.
4. Renewing our mind is to bring our *thinking* to the place where we view reality from *God's perspective*.
 - 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!*
5. Our battleground is in our minds!
6. This makes the mind the essential tool in bringing Kingdom reality to the circumstances we face in this life.

“THE MERISMOS”

- B. In order for our minds to be renewed we first must experience the “merismos.”
1. The necessity of the “merismos” is proved by Paul as he spoke to young Timothy in his second book , 2:5-6: **“And if a man also strives for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully. V6, The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.”**
 2. When Paul spoke and said, **“And if a man also strives for masteries”** he was referring to our attaining a spiritual walk in which we would not fulfill the lust of the flesh, but at the same time will operate in the power and authority of our Lord.
 3. This “spiritual walk” is a “mastery” for anyone achieving it.