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JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING

## Letting Jesus Transform My Mind

Romans 7:7-8:11; 12:1-2

Since the resurrection of Jesus is a reality, your life can forever be changed. To encounter the risen Savior is to discover a new reality for your life. Because of the resurrection, we can experience the transforming power of Jesus in every aspect of our lives. Let's discover how we can let Jesus transform our minds.

### 1. I must fill my mind with truth.

*"It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:4 (NIV)*

*"Oh, how I love Your law! I think about it all day long."*  
Psalm 119:97 (NLT)

*"I rise before dawn and cry for help; I have put my hope in Your word."* Psalm 119:147 (NIV)

### 2. I must free my mind from destructive thoughts.

*"Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit."* Romans 8:5 (NLT)

- a. My old nature
- b. Satan
- c. The world's value system

*"For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.*

*We 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 10:3-5 (NIV)

*"Temptation comes from the lure of our own evil desires. These evil desires lead to evil actions, and then the evil actions lead to death."* James 1:14-15 (NLT)

### \*\*\* Understanding the Steps of Temptation \*\*\*

Temptation Step 1: Desire

Temptation Step 2: Doubt – "Did God really say...?"

Temptation Step 3: Deception – Believing a lie of Satan

Temptation Step 4: Disobedience & Defeat

*"So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. For the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you through Christ Jesus from the power of sin that leads to death."*

Romans 8:1-2 (NLT)

*"I have made up my mind to obey your laws forever, no matter what."* Psalm 119:112 (CEV)

### 3. I must focus my mind on the right things.

*"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."* Romans 12:2 (NLT)

- a. Think about Jesus!

*“Keep your mind on Jesus Christ!”* **2 Timothy 2:8 (CEV)**

*“Let us look only to Jesus, the One who began our faith and who makes it perfect... Think about Jesus’ example.”* **Hebrews 12:2-3 (NCV)**

b. **Think about others.**

*“Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.”* **Philip. 2:4 (NIV)**

*“Think of ways to encourage one another to outbursts of love and good deeds.”* **Hebrews 10:24 (NLT)**

c. **Think about God’s eternal kingdom.**

*“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things.”*  
**Philippians 4:8 (NIV)**

*“Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.”*  
**Colossians 3:2 (NIV)**

*“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him.”* **1 Corinthians 2:9 (NIV)**