TRANSFORMATION THROUGH RENEWAL OF MIND

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1. LACK OF KNOWLEDGE. (Hosea 4:6 KJV) My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

2. THREE AREAS OF CHANGE.

- 1. *Spirit.*
 - 1. Requires spiritual change.
 - 2. Passing from death unto life.
- 2. *Soul.*
 - 1. Will, mind, emotion.
 - 2. Mental change. Must have a made-up mind.
- 3. **Body.**
 - 1. (Phil 3:21 KJV) Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.
 - 2. (Job 14:14 KJV) If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

3. CHANGE MEANS TURNING THINGS AROUND.

- 1. Change of mind.
- 2. Change of heart.
- 3. Change of behavior.
- 4. Change of garments reflects change of character.
 - 1. (Zec 3:4 KJV) And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.
 - 2. <u>Blind man=s garments</u>. (Mark 10:50 KJV) And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus.
 - 3. <u>Dead man=s garments.</u> (John 11:44 KJV) And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

4. DIFFICULTY OF CHANGE.

- 1. We cannot change ourselves.
- 2. (Jer 13:23 KJV) Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.

5. CHANGE THROUGH RENEWAL.

- 1. **Renewed spirit.** (Psa 51:10 KJV) Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
- 2. **Renewed youth.** (Psa 103:5 KJV) Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- 3. **Renewed strength.** (Isa 40:31 KJV) But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.
- 4. **Renewed inner man.** (2 Cor 4:16 KJV) For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

5. Renewed mind.

- 1. (Rom 12:2 KJV) 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.
- 2. (Eph 4:21 KJV) If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: (Eph 4:22 KJV) That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; (Eph 4:23 KJV) And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; (Eph 4:24 KJV) And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.
- 3. (Col 3:9 KJV) Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; (Col 3:10 KJV) And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: (Col 3:11 KJV) Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

6. WHAT IS THE MIND?

- 1. That which reasons.
- 2. The sum total of the conscious states of an individual.
- 3. One=s capacity for mental activity.
- 4. Direction of one=s thoughts, inclinations, or desires.
- 5. That which one thinks regarding something.

7. VARIOUS STATES OF THE MIND.

- 1. Willing mind.
 - 1. (1 Chr 28:9 KJV) And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.
 - 2. (2 Cor 8:12 KJV) For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.
 - 3. (Neh 4:6 KJV) So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together

unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

2. Stable mind.

- 1. (Isa 26:3 KJV) Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.
- 2. (2 Tim 1:7 KJV) For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

3. Humble mind.

- 1. (Acts 20:19 KJV) Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:
- 2. (Col 3:12 KJV) Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;
- 4. *Carnal or spiritual mind.* (Rom 8:6 KJV) For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. (Rom 8:7 KJV) Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

5. *United mind.*

- 1. (Rom 12:16 KJV) 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.
- 2. (Rom 15:6 KJV) That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 3. (1 Cor 1:10 KJV) Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.
- 4. (2 Cor 13:11 KJV) Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.
- 5. (Phil 1:27 KJV) Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;
- 6. (Phil 2:2 KJV) Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. (Phil 2:3 KJV) Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.
- 6. *Christ mind*. (Phil 2:5 KJV) Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: (Phil 2:6 KJV) Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: (Phil 2:7 KJV) But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: (Phil 2:8 KJV) And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became

obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

- 7. Negative mind.
 - 1. Doubtful mind.
 - 2. Carnal mind.
 - 3. Reprobate mind.

8. CHANGE OF THINKING.

- 1. We need a check-up from the neck up.
- 2. We need to get rid of stinking thinking.
 - 1. What you say affects your thinking.
 - 2. What you think affects your speaking.
 - 3. Speaking and thinking work hand in hand.
- 3. *As a man thinketh...*(Prov 23:7 KJV) For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.
- 4. **Positive thinking.** (Phil 4:8 KJV) Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.