

THE MIND GAMES

Part 4: The Renewal Process

A MAIN COMPONENT OF CHANGE - RENEWING THE MIND *(Romans 12:2 NIV)*

- ❖ Don't be conformed
 - ✦ Shaped and molded by a world view/system/philosophy that does not acknowledge God
- ❖ Renew - to renovate, make better and brighter
 - ✦ Involves replacing thoughts, attitudes and perspectives with God's truth *(John 17:17 NKJV)*
 - ✦ Recognize we all have a perspective window
 - ✦ Renewal is not automatic *(Ephesians 4:22-24 NIV)*

FIVE AREAS OF RENEWAL

- ❖ God is real, real big and a rewarder of those who seek Him *(Hebrews 11:6 NKJV)*
 - ✦ Can be very different from some religious mindsets
 - ✦ A very different mindset from a system that minimizes God *(Jeremiah 32:17 NKJV)*
- ❖ God loves me personally and will never reject me *(Romans 8:31-32 NKJV)*
 - ✦ A huge amount was paid for me
 - ✦ I believe the love - not feel the love *(1 John 4:16 NKJV)*
- ❖ I have become a new creation in Christ and my potential in Him is immense
 - ✦ Created new from a spiritual standpoint *(Ephesians 2:10 NLT)*
- ❖ God has called me to a life of growth and Christlikeness *(Philippians 3:14 NKJV)*
 - ✦ Paul spent more time talking about what they were to become than addressing their problems
 - ✦ Paul's prayers for the churches are very revealing *(Colossians 1:9-12 NKJV)*
- ❖ I am delivered from spiritual darkness and am a vital member of God's Kingdom *(Colossians 1:13-14 NKJV)*
 - ✦ Recognize the works of darkness
 - ✦ Do not accept the works of darkness in your life
 - ✦ Minimize the works of darkness

WELCOME TO WARFARE *(2 Corinthians 10:3-5 NIV)*

- ❖ Some pretty strong language
 - ✦ We are at war but not a physical battle
 - ✦ We do have weapons - and they are God designed
 - ✦ We pull down strongholds and take thoughts captive
- ❖ Paul continues this battle theme *(Ephesians 6:10-12 NLT)*
 - ✦ Much hope in these verses
 - ✦ There is an unseen realm and we have to deal with it