

POD Teaching Session 4 Module C

The Keys to Mind Renewal

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Learning Objectives:

- Learn how God's mind works in you. You have the mind of Christ.
- How do you renew your mind? Having the right attitudes.
- Learn the steps (priestly inner court rituals) for mind renewal.
- The results of a renewed mind.
- Embrace the disciple making learning process.

➤ HOW GOD'S MIND WORKS IN US (the temple's features and furnishings)

Isaiah 45:3 I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the LORD, the God of Israel, who summons you by name. NIV

Daniel 2:21-22..... He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. He reveals deep and hidden things; He knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with Him. NIV

There are over 50 chapters in the Old Testament that have to do with the temple, its rooms, its furniture and its rituals. Those details are not there by accident.

They are for our instruction.

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Main Sanctuary (Inner Court upper level) See Chart 17

HOLY OF HOLIES (new Spirit): It is the most important room of the Temple with three items. See handout showing these items. Read John 14:23. Analogous to the new Spirit that God gives us when we are born again.

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1. the Arc of the Covenant
Arc of the testimony - law
2. The Mercy Seat
a place of atonement
3. The Shekianah Glory
overshadowing both
Holy Spirit

The Triune God
Father, Son and Holy Spirit

HOLY PLACE (**new heart**): It contained three items of furnishings as well.

1. **The Golden Altar of Incense (**Spirit of the Lord**)**: a most holy piece and considered to be part of the Holy of Holies, perpetually burning. Its incense had to be changed twice a day. It represents the central foundational part of the Mind of Christ as the Spirit of the Lord comes forth from the Holy of Holies and joins our spirit and ignites new Life in us. Jesus' one time sacrifice for all sins is what keeps the fire in our own hearts continuously burning. BYT pg 253

Proverbs 20:27 The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward partsKJV

This is the place where God's Spirit joins with man's spirit to make one new creation! Where prayers are heard because of the atoning blood of Christ.



2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold new things have come. NASB



Ezekiel 36:26 "Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh." NASB95



See Chart 18. Note: The importance of God's Love (agape) and God's Mind (His Counsel and Power) working together must be emphasized. This is the full character of God (God's life = ZOE) and what He desires us to be filled with continuously. God's Love will be covered in Session 7.

2. **Ten Golden Tables of Shewbread (**Spirit of Wisdom**)**: See Illustration. We are told in scripture that God's Wisdom, His Word, is our "bread of life". Our very lives depend upon our eating and digesting God's Word. See Proverbs 3:13-19 and 8:1-5, 11. BYT pg 258

James 1:5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. NASB95

Matthew 4:4....., It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. KJV

3. **Ten Golden Lampstands (**God's supernatural Understanding**)**: See the illustration.

God's wisdom is of no use to us without God's Understanding or His illumination alongside. The lamps were to give continual light to the Shewbread Table (Wisdom). They were the primary source of light in the Temple, other than the flames from the Golden Altar of Incense.

2 Corinthians 4:6 For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. BYT pg 258, 261

PORCH (the will to walk in His Counsel and Strength)

This is the most fascinating room of all. It represents the new [willpower](#) that we receive as a result of being born again. This is the place where God counsels us about His Will and then, gives us His Strength to perform that Will in our lives. There are two separate areas to this porch or our willpower, God's and our own free choice. God's portion of the porch is gold and is really part of the main sanctuary. The second part of the porch (representing our free choice) has two huge free standing pillars, named Jachin and Boaz.

Jachin (In His Counsel) or He will establish and **Boaz (in His strength)**: The bronze pillars represent our own [free choice](#): the free choice to follow God's counsel and rely upon His strength; or, the free choice to follow our "own" will and rely upon our own ability to perform it in our lives. These pillars were considered to be a part of the Porch and sat in the upper level of the Inner Court. This is significant because it means that we have the Authority and Power of God to choose His Will over our own thoughts and emotions.

Recall willpower is *dianoia* in Greek. *Dia* means channel or passageway and *noia* means of the mind. Note: At this point a drastic change in furniture metal occurs, from gold to bronze. Bronze represents judgment because sin is present. It is a metal that's always associated with fire.

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See Chart 19, It summaries what we have learned thus far.

INNER COURT (Intimate experiential Knowledge of God)

Both upper and lower levels of the inner Court represent our soul where intimate knowledge of God is desperately needed. Intimate (Oida) knowledge of God is experiencing Christ's Life (Zoe) in place of our self-life. Our soul (mind, will and emotions) is the place where an "exchange of life" takes place.

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See Chart 20 as a demonstration of how this "exchange" can take place. Remember the Exchanged Life teaching from Session 3.

Note: Three pieces of furniture were in the Inner court expressly for the purpose of cleansing and atoning for sin. The priests carefully followed an order of service going from the Lavers → Holocaust Altar → Molten Sea. They represent three cleansing agents: the Spirit, the Blood, and the Word of God (the water of the Word)

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1 John 5:7-8 And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that bear witness, the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. NASB95

1. **Ten Bronze Lavers (represent the Spirit):** They were used for the continual washing of the priest's hands and feet. The lavers were made in a way to have a mirror finish on the inside. As the priests looked into the lavers they saw a true reflection of themselves. In the same way that is what the Spirit of God does for us. **Isaiah 1:16** "Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Remove the evil of your deeds from My sight. Cease to do evil." NASB95 BYT pg 268

The Lavers of Bronze represent God's Spirit that continually exposes our own sins, so we'll be able to see them, **confess** them, **repent** of them and **forgive** others of theirs (John 13:14). **John 13:10** Jesus said to him (Peter), "He who has bathed (born again) needs only to wash his feet (confess/repent),....." NASB95 BYT pg. 271

Without this step God's Life in us will be quenched from being manifested in our souls.

2. **Bronze Holocaust Altar (representing the blood of Christ):** This altar is where the blood of the animals was sprinkled on the horns of the altar. The horns were a symbol of power and strength in biblical times. When the sacrifice was made, blood was dabbed on the horns of the altar, signifying the power of the blood to atone for sins. In the same way, there is mighty power in the blood of Christ. Jesus is the "**horn of our salvation**" (Psalm 18:2, Luke 1:69). In Hebrew the root word for altar means "to slaughter/slay". For us this is the place where we totally give ourselves over to Him, relinquishing and yielding everything that is not of faith. This is where we offer ourselves as "living sacrifices" and offer up to Him all our hurts, bitterness, rejections, memories, fears, etc. BYT pg. 271

1 John 1:7, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. NASB95

- a) **We are the ones who must climb up on the altar and choose to give ourselves as "offerings in righteousness". This is our own responsibility.**
- b) **God, then, is the One who purges our sins by His Blood, removes them as far as the east is from the west and reconciles us to Himself.** BYT pg. 274

3. **Molten Sea (represents the Word of God):** It contained enough water for 2000 washings. This huge bath was used for the complete immersion of the priests after they had offered their sacrifice on the Holocaust Altar. After we have sacrificed all our hurts, bitterness, rejections, memories, fears, etc. and given everything over to God, we too are blood-stained. Our lives have been torn apart by these things, so we are in desperate need of the Word's cleansing, healing and renewing power. We must run daily to God's written word, in order to have our souls cleansed, **sanctified** and completely healed. Then, we can have that intimate knowledge of God and experience His Life in place of our own.

Ephesians 5:26 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, NASB95

Psalms 107:20 He sent His word and healed them, And delivered *them* from their destructions. NASB95



See Chart 21 for a summary: God's three cleansing agents, God's Spirit, God's Blood, and God's Word work together daily in our souls, helping to cleanse and wash away our sins: by our confessing and repenting of our own sins and forgiving others of their sins (10 Lavers of Bronze); by our giving our sins and our self over to God and allowing Him to purge us by His blood (Holocaust Altar); and finally, by God healing and sanctifying us through His Word (Molten Sea).

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OUTER COURT (to walk in the **Fear of the Lord**) See Chart 19

The outer court is corresponding to our body, which is the vehicle or the carrier for the expressions of our lives (our soul). This is where we interface with the world and all its ungodly influences. These outside influences are continually attempting to draw us away from whole-hearted and single-minded devotion to God. Now more than ever we must constantly walk in the Fear of God, not in the fear of man. We must seek only to obey God and flee all outside influences that would seek to quench our intimacy with Him.

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See Chart 22 for a summary, this is the Mind of Christ. Truly God has given us everything we need for life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3): The furniture and features of Solomon's Temple represents the different facets of the seven-fold Spirit of God that equips us with the Mind of Christ.

BYT pg. 282 everything in this text box.

1. The **Altar of Incense** represents the **Spirit of the Lord** as He first comes forth from the Holy of Holies of our hearts, joins our spirit with His and ignites God's new Life in us.
2. The **Shewbread** represents God' supernatural **Wisdom** – His word that He has inscribed and burned into our hearts.
3. The **Lampstands** represent God's supernatural **Understanding** of His Word – His supernatural illumination of His Thoughts.
4. and 5. The **Golden Vestibule** represents the area in which God gives us His supernatural **Counsel** as to what His will is; and then His supernatural **Strength** in order to perform that Will in our lives.

The **bronze pillars**, still a part of the Porch, represent the area of our own free will choice, where it's our own daily responsibility to make faith choices in His Counsel and by His Strength.

6. The **Inner Court** represents our soul, where it's our daily responsibility to achieve intimate, experiential **knowledge** of God by; 1) confessing and repenting of anything the Holy Spirit has shown us (Lavers); 2) giving to God anything that is not of faith to be purged by His Blood (Altar); and, 3) being cleansed and healed by His written Word (Molten Sea).
7. The **Outer Court** represents our body, where it's our daily responsibility to walk in the **Fear of the Lord**, fleeing anything that would quench His Spirit in us.

Note: these first five capabilities of the Mind of Christ are supernatural gifts of God He has already given us. The last two functions of the Mind of Christ; intimate Knowledge of God and Fear of God, however, are our own responsibility to achieve daily. This again is the "working out of our own salvation" Phil 2:12: (Note: done in the Middle Voice!).

➤ HOW DO WE RENEW OUR MINDS?

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1. **Living Sacrifices:** We need to have an attitude of being continually willing to present our bodies to God as living sacrifices (Romans 12:1)
2. **Denying Ourselves** (on the inside) : Here we are to surrender our own justified feelings, our own rights, our own frustrations, offenses, and anything that is not of faith. This is being more concerned about doing God's will than what would bring temporary happiness. All Christians are capable of laying themselves aside because God is in them, but not all Christians are willing to do so, in order to let God's love flow! That is the bottom line! See Luke 14:27 (Deny yourself, pick-up your cross).
3. **Get up and do what God commands** : No matter what. No matter how we feel , what we think or what we want. This concerns our outer man --- our outward actions. We are trusting God will perform His will and His life through us no matter how we feel. See Phil. 2:5-9
4. **Take every thought captive and revenge all disobedience:** We must constantly be willing to simply deal with our sins (2 Corinthians 10:5-6) "to revenge all disobedience". Note: Often our feelings don't align with a faith choice for awhile. **Remember: God is teaching us to walk by faith, not by sight or feelings. The next four steps (the inner court rituals) are the actual steps to "revenging all disobedience".**

- **STEPS: INNER COURT RITUALS:** The following four steps are critical to do each time we recognize we have quenched God's Spirit and have blocked His Life in our soul. These are the actual steps the priests took in the Inner court of Solomon's temple in order to deal with their sin by "revenging all disobedience" and be reconciled to God. **These steps are our responsibility.** They also show us how to "resist the devil" as James 4:7 exhorts.

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This is how the Mind of Christ works in us and how we are renewed in the spirit of our minds (Isaiah 11:2-3; 1 Corinthians. 2:16; Romans 12:1-2; Ephesians 4:22-24

Remember: 1 Peter 2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood , to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. NASB95

1 Peter 2:9 But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; NASB95





Refer to Chart 23: If something has just occurred, and we are felling hurt, angry, bitter, resentful, fearful, etc., this charts shows what we look like. But, if we catch ourselves and desire to turn around and go God’s way then the following steps are how we “revenge all disobedience”.

Refer to Chart 21:



1. **Recognize (Lavers of Bronze, part one):** Acknowledge and experience our ungodly self –centered thoughts and emotions as they come in. We are to ask God not only to bring to light what’s going on in our conscious thoughts, emotions and desires, but we also need to ask Him to shed light on the hidden things in our souls (cheder) which may be the root causes of our self-centered reactions. Note: Our conscious reactions are often just the symptoms. BYT pg. 311-312

Experiencing our emotions is part of dealing with our sin and part of the healing process. We are all human, and we all experience negative, self-centered thoughts and emotions. You do not need to keep continually going back and reliving the actual experiences of the past. Instead we should recognize and agree with God what He has just revealed as the root causes that are affecting our choices. You then have three choices:

- a. You can vent them to others.
- b. You can stuff them down in our hidden chambers.
- c. You can groan and cry about them and then give them to God (step 3).

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2. **Confess, Repent, Forgive (Lavers of Bronze, part two):** Confess our sins and choose to “turn around” from following them (i.e. repent). In addition we must, by faith, forgive anyone who has wronged us, just as God has forgiven us. Confessing is my own responsibility and choosing to turn around from following any way of thinking contrary to the Mind of Christ. We forgive others because God tells us to. He then gives us the Love and the forgiveness we need for that other person. It is also imperative that we learn to receive by faith God’s forgiveness for whatever sins we have committed. He will cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 john 1:9). BYT pg. 317-321



3. **Give over to God (Holocaust Altar):** Give Him all He shows us that is “not of faith”. God will not violate our free will by forcibly taking these things from us; we must willingly choose to hand them over to Him. As we willing give these things over to Him, He promises that He will take them from us, “as far as the east is from the west ...” (Psalm 103:12). God will cleanse us and heal us by burning them up on this altar ---- what a miracle! BYT pg. 321



Note: Just as He chooses not to remember our sins no more, we must do the same. Rebuke the enemy if He tries to constantly remind and shame us of past sins.

2 Chronicles 7:1 Now when Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the house. NASB95

4. **Read God’s Word (Molten Sea):** By reading God’s word we begin to replace the lies buried in our hidden chambers with the truth. God then, will cleanse and heal our soul with “the washing of the water of His Word.” **This is where scripture memorization plays a critical role.** BYT pg. 324

5. See Chart 24 “For Me to Live is Christ” (Phil. 1:21): When we have honestly followed these steps, God promises us that our minds have been renewed, whether we feel like it or not. We have put off the garbage of our own thinking and we have put on the Mind of Christ. The Spirit of the Lord has come forth from the Holy of Holies of our hearts and has given us not only His Agape Love, but also His Wisdom, His Understanding, His Counsel and Might. We’re experiencing intimate Knowledge of God’s Life as our own (Zoe) and we’re walking in the Fear of God.
See the one page summary in Resource Guide “Be Transformed by the Renewing of Your Mind”.

➤ **RESULTS OF A RENEWED MIND: See Chart 25**

Intimate knowledge of God and Fear of the Lord

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1. We can now present our offerings in righteousness and come boldly into the Holy Place.
2. We are the true worshiper of God, who worships Him in spirit and truth.
3. God will now hear and fulfill our prayers, because they are according to His will.
4. We will be able to see all things from God’s perspective.
5. We will be experiencing all the functions of the Mind of Christ.
6. We are progressively being transformed into Christ’s image.
7. We are equipped for battle because we now have on the full armor of God. It’s exciting because each piece of armor listed in Ephesians 6 lines up perfectly with our own internal architecture. Putting on the whole armor of God is a visual picture of what it means to “put on” Christ and to be “full of His light”.



➤ **Remember the POD transformation process**

Remember to monitor your thought life! See the article in the resource guide “Speaking to yourself vs. listening to yourself vs. taking with God. Also go over the article titled “The P.O.D. Ministry Transformation Process”.

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Retention Levels from my personal experience: (This is the disciple making process)

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| 1. Attend a POD teaching training session. | = 10% |
| 2. Participate in POD small group follow-up sessions: | = 5% each time |
| a. One follow-up session | 5% |
| b. Two follow-up sessions | 10% |
| c. Three follow-up sessions | 15% |
| 3. Spend additional time in extensive personal study (read all resources and suggested books) | = 20% |
| 4. Go through the POD training session a second time | = 15% |
| 5. Share what you have learned with others, start your own POD | = 25% |
| 6. On-going life time commitment, going deeper and deeper | = Complete |
| 7. Warning: Without on-going maintenance you risk losing what you have gained! | |

REMEMBER: 1 Cor. 8:1 “Knowledge puffs up but love builds up”. Studying the Bible is important, but the goal is never knowledge for the sake of knowledge. Being a disciple of Jesus Christ means that we learn from Him, fellowship with Him, and obey everything He commands us. Love is the goal thru obedient holy living.

APPLICATION NEXT STEPS: As you review this session in your own personal quiet time, with your POD mates and others, ask yourself; What is God saying to me? and How am I going to respond? Begin now to look for opportunities to start sharing what you have learned with others. That is disciple making. Take advantage of the transformative power of prayer, journaling, writing out personal application/next steps, and memorizing key scriptures. Also, be sure to read the articles and one or more of the books mentioned in the resource guide at the end of each of the seven sessions.

KEY TAKE-AWAYS AND MY PERSONAL APPLICATION/NEXT STEPS:

Scripture I will commit to memorize from this session:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Here is a special gift to those who have come this far. Check out the much abbreviated PowerPoint presentation in the Resource Guide “We are the Temple of God (Acts 17:24)”. It is available on by doing a Google search. It is a wonderful summary of this teaching.