

# POD Teaching Session Number 4

## Mind Renewal (Solomon's Temple)

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### Learning Modules:

- A. What is the Mind?
  - B. Solomon's Temple the blueprint of the believer.
  - C. The Keys to Mind Renewal.
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## Session 4 Module A

### What is the Mind?

### Learning Objectives:

- Mind renewal leads to transformation!
  - What is the mind? Our mind is a whole conceptual process.
  - Recognize Satan's ways to keep us double-minded.
  - Believers have the mind of Christ.
  - The Mind of Christ is a divine seven-fold process.
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### ➤ Mind renewal leads to transformation:



**Romans 12:1-2** Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is your spiritual service of worship*. And do not\* be conformed to this world, but be **transformed\*** by the **renewing\*\*** of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. NASB95

\*transformed = *metamorphoō* G3339    It's where we get our English word metamorphosis.

Also it is in the passive voice, imperative mood (i.e. a command to be transformed by someone else.) **Therefore what is our role?** \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) To change into another form, to transform, to transfigure
  - a) Christ appearance was changed and was stunning with divine brightness on the mount of transfiguration.

What does “present your bodies as a living sacrifice” mean? It is the act of “crucifying the flesh” with all its lusts on an on-going basis. Remembering that is where “SIN” (the noun, Mr. Sin, the power of sin ) and the FLESH reside. We must “consider” ourselves dead to SIN.

Why would that be a “spiritual service of worship”? We “present” ourselves to God by according to the Spirit. As the spiritual person exercises his choice (will) to live in the spirit, his life bears the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22, 23).

What is the key to transformation? Renewing of the mind (through God’s word)

What is the goal of mind renewal? Spiritual transformation thus knowing God’s will.

What are the commands in this verse? “do not be conformed” and the “be transformed”

What is the significance of the commands being in the present tense, passive voice, imperative mood? Present tense in the Greek means happening continuously. Passive voice means God is the one that causes the command to happen, if we obey. We obey (the command (imperative)) by reading His word and presenting our bodies to Him as we choose to walk in the Spirit by yielding to Him.

*Ephesians 4:23* and that you be renewed\*\* in the spirit of your mind\*\*\*, NASB95

\*\* renew = Ananeo (Strong’s G365) "to renew, make young",..... The "renewal" here mentioned is not that of the mind itself in its natural powers of memory, judgment and perception, but "the spirit of the mind," which, under the controlling power of the indwelling Holy Spirit, directs its bent and energies Godward in the enjoyment of "fellowship with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ," and of the fulfillment of the will of God.. .....Vine’s

\*\*\* Literally---- “to take on a new mind” Thayer’s Lexicon

*Colossians 3:1-2* Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking\*\*\* the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set\*\*\* your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. NASB95

\*\*\* Active, Imperative



Being transformed into Christ’s Image is the basic goal and purpose for each of our lives as Christians. God wants us to show forth and reflect His Life in our souls and not our own life. BYT pg. 20

Because mind renewal leads to transformation, the battle is for the mind. Therefore who ever directs our thinking will ultimately direct our lives.

Mind ———> Feelings ———> Desires ———> Actions



*Proverbs 23:7* For as he thinks within himself, so he is..... NASB95

**“If you will give Me your thinking, I will give you My Life.”**

What does this statement imply? \_\_\_\_\_

## ➤ What is the Mind? :



“Much of the confusion over the word mind is caused by the liberal translation of the word “heart”, “mind”, “soul” throughout the Bible. Because these words are often used interchangeably, they cause major [misunderstandings](#)”.

BYT pg. 63

Example: Mt 22:37 “you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind\*...”

\*here the Greek word for mind is **dianoia** = means our will and the power to perform our will.

Proverbs 23:7 For as he thinks in his heart\*\*, so is he: .....KJV

\*\* here the Hebrew word for heart is **nephesh** which means soul.

In the NT there are [11](#) different words for mind. To eliminate the confusion it becomes necessary to use the concordance as you read the Bible ([See www.blueletterbible.org](http://www.blueletterbible.org)).

**Mind = Nous; Strong’s G3563 (New Testament)** the intellect, i.e. Mind (divine or human; in thought, feeling, or will)

- 1) The mind, comprising alike the faculties of perceiving and understanding and those of feeling, judging, determining
  - a) the intellectual faculty, the understanding
  - b) reason in the narrower sense, as the capacity for spiritual truth, the higher powers of the soul, the faculty of perceiving divine things, of recognizing goodness and of hating evil
  - c) the power of considering and judging soberly, calmly and impartially
- 2) a particular mode of thinking and judging, i.e. thoughts, feelings, purposes, desires

To help get a better understanding of the “mind” we can turn to the Old Testament. Here there are three different Hebrew words used to translate mind (reins, kidneys, and spirit).”

BYT pg. 65-67

**Reins** = guide, and direct

**Kidneys** = filter and control (blood) flow

**Spirit** = creates thoughts and produces action

Two other words that scripture uses to describe our minds:

**Eye** = mental vision or sight (The light of the body is the eye, see Luke 11:34-35,  
God is light 1 John 1:5)

**Fountain** = a well or supply of water

Thus our minds are better understood as a whole [conceptual](#) process:

Our mind not only initiates an idea in our heart, but it also implements that idea in our soul.

Our minds are simply the well or the fountain through which “living water” flows.  
See John 4:10 and John 7:38-39.



Our minds, therefore, are not just our brain, our thoughts, our intellect or our reason, but a whole conceptual process that begins with the spirit that resides at the core of our being, and ends with the life actions that are produced in our souls. In other words, our minds not only include the *conception* or the creation of an idea in our hearts, but also its *fulfillment* in action in our lives. ....

Spirit → Thoughts → Actions

.....BYT pg 67

**See Chart 1:** Our spirit is the power source or the energy source or life source of our lives. Our spirit then creates the thoughts of our hearts. These thoughts are then produced out in our lives (our souls) as life actions. So remember: the spirit creates the thoughts and the thoughts produce the actions. This whole process is the mind. BYT pg. 68

**Three types of minds:** BYT pg 68-75

1. Unbeliever’s mind (See chart 2).
2. Believer’s mind (See chart 3) (Single minded).
3. Double minded believer (See Chart 4). The Spirit of God is quenched.  
When we don’t choose to renew our minds, either because we don’t know how or because of hurts, fears and insecurities that we have chosen to hang on to, then we quench God’s Spirit in our hearts and block His life from coming forth in our soul.

**1 Thessalonians 5:19** Do not quench the Spirit; NASB95

**Ephesians 4:30** Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. NASB95

→ **Psalm 119:70** Their heart is covered with fat (as grease KJV), but I delight in your law. NASB95

**Luke 11:33-36** **No man, when he hath lighted a candle, put it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light. The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single (single minded), thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil (double minded), thy body also is full of darkness. Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness (covered over). If thy whole body therefore *be* full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.** KJV

➤ **Satan's ways to keep us double minded (See Chart 5):**

BYT pg 85-90

1. **Disobedience:** Trying to make us disobedient to God's Word. Gen3:1;1Jn2:16 (lusts and pride)
2. **Doubt:** To doubt God's power to perform His Word in our lives.
3. **Pride:** He tempts us to give ourselves over to and following what we think, feel and desire, rather than totally giving ourselves over to God. It's "I" before God. **Without death to self\*** there is no escape from Satan's power over us.



\* **John 12:24** "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. NASB95 **DISCUSS** \_\_\_\_\_

➤ **Believer's have the Mind of Christ:**



**1 Corinthians 2:16** For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? **But we have the mind of Christ.** NASB95

The Mind of Christ is the "divine" **process** of thinking. God's Holy Spirit creates God's supernatural thoughts in our hearts and then, His Holy Spirit produces those thoughts as godly actions in our lives. (See chart 3). BYT pg 101



**The Mind of Christ = It's God's supernatural thoughts (His Word) performed in our lives by His supernatural power (Dunamis).** BYT pg 101

**Mark 2:8** "And immediately when Jesus perceived\* in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts?" **Jesus perceived** \*[Greek: epiginosko "to know, that is to understand"] in His Spirit. **The Spirit of Jesus is where He knew and understood things. The Spirit of Jesus is the mind of Jesus.**

**Ezekiel 11:5** "And the Spirit [Hebrew: ruwach #7307 in *Strong's Concordance*] of the LORD fell upon me, and said unto me, Speak; Thus saith the LORD; Thus have ye said, O house of Israel: for I know the things that come into your mind [ruwach], every one of them." **In this verse ruwach is translated "spirit" in one place, and "mind" in another. Clearly you can see that the spirit of an individual is the mind or thinking of that individual. (See also Isaiah 40:13, Romans 11:34)**

➤ **The seven states/functions that form the conceptual process called the Mind of Christ:**

Mind of Christ is a divine seven-fold process that begins with the Spirit of the Lord, who desires to impart to us not only all of God's Supernatural thoughts (His Wisdom); but also understanding of those thoughts; His counsel as to which thoughts are appropriate for our own situation; His supernatural strength to implement those thoughts in our lives; personal experiential knowledge of seeing those thoughts manifested in our life actions; and, the ability to walk in the fear of the Lord (and not in the fear of man) by fleeing anything that would quench His Spirit in us.

BYT pg. 102



**Isaiah 11:1-2** Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD, and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.

**REFER NOW TO THE CHART "THE MIND OF CHRIST" in the resource guide**

- **The Spirit of the Lord = is the supernatural power source that creates God's Thoughts in our hearts. Symbols for the Spirit = wind, water, dove, fire and oil**

**Proverbs 20:27** The spirit of man is the lamp of the LORD, Searching all the innermost parts of his being. NASB95

**Psalms 18:28** For You light my lamp; The LORD my God illumines my darkness. NASB95



**Ephesians 5:18** And do not\* get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be\* (being continuously) filled with the Spirit, NASB95 \* **passive imperative (a command to be accomplished by another)**



**It's our own responsibility to remain an open, cleansed and yielded vessel so that God's Spirit from our hearts can continually fill us up.**

BYT pg. 107

- **The Spirit of Wisdom = is all of God's supernatural Thoughts themselves that He has placed in our hearts.** One might sum up the meaning of the term "**wisdom**" with the words, "know how."  
BYT pg. 108

**Proverbs 24:3** By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; NASB95

"Wisdom is the power to see, and the inclination to choose, the best and highest goal, together with the surest means of attaining it. Wisdom is, in fact, the practical side of moral goodness. As such, it is found in its fullness only in God. He alone is naturally and entirely and invariable wise." J.I. Packer

- **The Spirit of Understanding** = is God's personal illumination of those thoughts. His supernatural revelation, His insights, His illumination of His Word that opens our eyes to truth. It also sheds light upon what are our own hidden motives. BYT pg 117-118

*Proverbs 4:7* “The beginning of wisdom is: Acquire wisdom; And with all your acquiring, get understanding. NASB95

*Psalm 119:130* The unfolding of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

*Psalm 119:27* Make me understand the way of Your precepts, So I will meditate on Your wonders. NASB95

*Hosea 4:14* So the people without understanding are ruined.

- **The Spirit of Counsel (God’s Authority)** = is God's personal instructions for Godly choices. The supernatural knowledge of God’s will for our own individual lives. i.e. God’s personal instructions, His directions, to help us make the godly choices. BYT pg. 119

*Psalm 32:8* I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye (Mind of Christ) upon you. NASB95

*Proverbs 3:5-6* Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him; And He will make your paths straight. NASB95

- **The Spirit of Strength (God’s Power)** = is God's supernatural ability to perform those Thoughts in our lives. The supernatural ability to take what He has counseled us, and then, bring it forth (or perform it) in our lives. BYT pg. 128-129

*Zechariah 4:6* Then he said to me, “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel saying, ‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ says the LORD of hosts.” NASB95

*2 Corinthians 12:9* And He has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.” Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. NASB95

- **The Spirit of Knowledge (Intimate knowledge)** = is seeing God's Thoughts manifested in our life actions. It means God’s Life has come forth from our hearts and is now flooding our souls. It means experiential knowledge, not intellectual/head knowledge but something we know through living experience of its working in our lives. It is the “exchanged life”; we have truly exchanged lives with Him. We have given God our own life and in return He has given us His. Remember “Oida” (Strong’s G6063 and Daath H1847) from Session 1B. BYT pg. 142

**Hosea 4:6** My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge (Daath). Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being My priest. Since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children. NASB95

**Romans 8:27** and He who searches the hearts knows (Oida) what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to *the will of God*. NASB95

- **The Fear of the Lord = is walking in God's Love and Truth, fleeing anything that would quench His Spirit. See Session 2B for more descriptions of Fear of the Lord.**



**"Fear of the Lord is caring more about what God thinks than what man thinks."** BYT pg 149

**Proverbs 9:10** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. NASB95

**Proverbs 1:7** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction.



**In review, this incredible gift, the Mind of Christ, belongs to each of us. It's a part of our new birth and the key to our living the truth. However, we'll not be able to use it, unless we first understand what we possess. Remember, a person who does not understand will fail (Prov 15:22).**

**To be renewed in the Spirit of our minds simply means putting off any self-centered, corrupt or ungodly thinking and putting on the Mind of Christ (Eph. 4:23-24): His Wisdom, His Understanding, His Counsel and Strength; having intimate knowledge of His Life in place of our own; and finally, walking in the Fear of God (Isa.11:1-2).**

BYT pg. 154

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### Overarching verses:

**Proverbs 24:3-4** By wisdom a house is built, And by understanding it is established; And by knowledge the rooms are filled With all precious and pleasant riches. NASB95

**Proverbs 2:1-5** My son, if you will receive my words And treasure my commandments within you, Make your ear attentive to **wisdom**, Incline your heart to **understanding**; For if you cry for discernment, Lift your voice for **understanding**; If you seek her as silver And search for her as for hidden treasures; Then you will discern the **fear of the LORD** And discover the **knowledge of God**. NASB95

**Proverbs 8:14** "Counsel is Mine and sound wisdom; I am understanding, power is Mine. NASB95

**Job 12:13** With Him is wisdom and strength, He hath counsel and understanding. KJV



**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.

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**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:**

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**Scripture I will commit to memorize from this session:**

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