

Transforming mindsets Session 2 Who is my mind

Who is my mind?

It is a third part of me. We are made in the image of the Trinity (three in one God).

I consist of my body my spirit and my soul/mind.

My mind/soul consists of my intellect, my emotions, and my will. These form my mindset at any given time.

My mind can be described as the digestive system for God's word ('our daily bread') or the soil for God's word (the seed). It determines if the food of God's word is utilised or gives indigestion or if the seed of God's word bears fruit or is scorched, stolen or choked.

How does my motive or mindset affect my vision? Romans 12 verse 1 and 2.

Our **mind sets** the way we view things. Our vision is influenced by the mind. Motives and mindsets are a product of the predominant thoughts in the mind at any given time. The corresponding actions are only as good or as bad as the motive.

Serving God out of a good conscience only is not good enough.

Our conscience is an acquired perception of right and wrong based on our mindset.

Our conscience and our mindset are subject to lots of variables such as our environment (the norms of the day), our upbringing, and our emotional state to mention a few. This is what Paul calls the pattern of this world to which we conform by default.

Is it wrong to have a mind set?

Everyone has a mindset by default which we conform to according to the pattern of the world but God expects us to actively and continuously renew our mind to be transformed into the mind of Christ. So there is a Godly mindset and a worldly mindset at war in every mind.

It is good to have a Godly mind set, for example set your mind to believe that though I may not understand it all everything in the bible is true. However a mindset that says certain things can only be done in certain ways will have a conflict with God sooner or later.

Who is in control of my mind? 2 Corinthians 10 verses 1-6

Have I got mindsets that amount to strongholds?

Are there thoughts and imaginations in my mind that are given more attention than the thoughts of God?

Who or what is putting these thoughts in me, to whom or to what am I exposing my mind?

Transforming mindsets Session 3 Building to God's plan

How can I ensure my motive or mindset is always right?

How can you ensure your DIY fixtures are hung up right?

Read the instructions (word of God); use a 'spirit level' (Holy spirit) and the recommended tools (spiritual gifts).

Why is it important we read the instructions? *Rhetorical questions.*

Will you let any builder build your house without a clearly drawn out plan?

How can the builder ensure that the whole of his team are building the right thing? How can his bricklayer, plumber, electrician, and the rest of his team do their own bit and yet get one result?

Will you accept his work because he has 'good intentions' and is apparently talented and polite?

Will God accept what we are building?

Are we building according to plan or just hoping we are?

Are we using a spirit level?

Where can I get a plan and a spirit level?

1) The Word of God:

Hebrews 4:12-13

2) The Spirit of God:

1 Corinthians 2 verses 9-16; Romans 8 verses 26-27; Ephesians 6 verses 17-18

What plan are we building to as a church and how are you doing your bit?

Remember to do the measuring in accordance with the measure of faith God has given us (Roman 12 verse 3).

How much of the faith required for transforming community as said in the vision statement are we walking in? Hebrews 11 verse 1

Remember faith is not determination or a positive feeling; it is an assurance that God will fulfil what he said to us.

How do I know my bit or do we all have the same function?

Romans 12 verses 4-8 Should I just fill in any gap?