Five Steps To Effective Ministry

“Renewing Your Mind”

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Renewing Your Mind:

• **Readiness To Minister Includes Renewing Your Mind:**

• To Renew  = To Restore To It’s Former State

• **Psalm 23:1-3 (NKJV)** (1) The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. (2) He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. (3) He restores my soul;

• “Restores” – means *to return, or, to bring back*
Renewing Your Mind:

• The Lord Renews Us In Every Area Of Life  He Removes  – Releases – Revives – Refills – Revitalizes

• He Builds The Lives Of Those Who Come To Him
• He Builds Us In Faith  –  And In Faith Life

• When God Renews  –  He Does It From The Inside Out
Renewing Your Mind:

• **Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)** ¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. ² Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.
Renewing Your Mind:

• **Like** Train Tracks Determine Where The Train Will Go
• The Rails (Grooves) In The Thinking Of Our Minds Determines Where We Will Go As Well
• We Need Our Minds To Be Renewed – Redirected -- Refocused In Christ
Renewing Your Mind:

• WHAT IS THE MIND?

• The Mind Is Not Just Our Intellectual Prowess And Logic

• The Mind includes our “inner thoughts, drives, and desires” (McGuiggan, 358).

• WITH A RENEWED MIND WE SEE THINGS AS GOD SEES THEM
• The Spirit renews our ability to think straight
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• ‘TRANSFORM’ = To Be Changed From Within
  • = A Metamorphosis

• ‘THE RENEWING OF OUR MINDS’ = Made Whole; Able To Discern And Decipher Spiritual Truths
Renewing Your Mind:

• This Is An Ongoing Battle Of The Mind

• THE WORLD SAYS: “Be Like Us.”

• HOLY SPIRIT SAYS: “Be Like Us -- Christ-Like And Godly”
Renewing Your Mind:

• WHAT IS THE MIND? -- where we perceive what is right -- what is good -- what is true

• AN ESSENTIAL FOR EFFECTIVE MINISTRY:

• WITH OUR MINDS we make judgments, -- we have a conscience that allows us to determine what is right and correct -- in both Spiritual and Moral Matters
Renewing Your Mind:

• *Effective Ministry Can Only Be Effective In And Thru Christ*

• As We Spend Time With God Our Minds Become Like Him

• Made New And Renewed.
Renewing Your Mind:

• *When Our Mind Is Renewed, We Change Our Thought Process And Our Valuations*

• *We Are No Longer Aligned With The World But With God*

• *Our Spiritual Eyes Are Opened – We See Things That Were Right There All Along*
Renewing Your Mind:

• *The Powerful Grip Of The World Is Loosened When Our Mind Is Renewed*

• The Mind That Is Renewed Is No Longer:
  - Fleshly
  - Depraved
  - Debased
  - Depressed

• It Is New In Christ
Renewing Your Mind:

• We Find God's Mind – This New Mind That God’s Wants To Renew Us In By Spending Time With Him

• Our Minds Are Renewed In Times Of Prayer – Worship Studying – Reading – God's Word

• And The Question That It Leads Up To Is This: Are You Being Conformed Into The Pattern Of This World, Or Are You Being Transformed (Changed) (Molded) Into The Image Of Christ?
Renewing Your Mind:

• Eph 4:23-24 (NIV) "... be made new in the attitude of your minds;" (24) "... put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."

• When A Person Becomes A Christian -- The Spirit Is Immediately Saved -- The Mind Must Still Be Renewed
Renewing Your Mind:

• "Having The Mind Of Christ"; = To Think Like God Thinks
• To Move Ahead With God You Must Be Spiritually Minded
• Spiritually Minded = Fill Your Mind With The Things Of God
• Read, Study, Meditate On His Word
Renewing Your Mind:

• How Are Believers To Be Renewed In Thoughts And Attitudes? They must:

• Be Involved In Activities That Renew Their Minds (Phil. 4:8–9)
• Pattern Themselves After God, Not The World (Rom 12:2)
• Study And Apply God’s Word – Change Behavior From Within (2 Tim 3:15–16).

• Life Application New Testament Commentary
Renewing Your Mind:

• Don't Let The World Control Your Spiritual Temperature:
• Be Renewed In Your Mind In Christ
• Be Focused
• If Things Are Too Cool -- Turn Up The Heat!
• If Things Are Too Hot -- Turn Down The Temp
Renewing Your Mind:

• Don't Just Read For Information We Read For Inspiration—
• Change Only Takes Place On A Spiritual Basis

• Inner Change Needs To Take Place

• It Happens On By The Holy Spirit And The Gospel
  • As You Read The Word
  • Spend Time With God
  • Ask the Lord to Speak

• There Can Be A Great Change A Renewal Of Your Mind
Renewing Your Mind:

• Transformed Minds = Change The Way We See Things

• GODISONWHERERE

• “God Is No Where.” OR "God Is Now Here."

• God wants us "changed within by a new way of thinking."

• It Will Affect Our Lives & Ministries
Renewing Your Mind: