



**Renewing Your Mind**  
**Lesson 2: A Prosperous Soul**

**1. Review**

- Renewing the mind is \_\_\_\_\_
- The transformation of our lives begins with the transformation of our minds.
- The salvation of your spirit is a completed work. It cannot be earned or added to. However, the salvation of your soul (mind) is separate. It is a process.

**Romans 12:2**

- Renewing the mind is more than learning. \_\_\_\_\_
- Renewing the mind is a \_\_\_\_\_, not an experience.

**Romans 12:2**

- Renewing your mind is \_\_\_\_\_ your wrong thoughts with God's right thoughts.
- Renewing the mind is both "taking off" old thoughts and "putting on" the thoughts of God.
- We replace wrong thoughts by \_\_\_\_\_

**2. The soul**

**1 Thessalonians 5:23**

You are a "three part" person. Those three parts include your spirit, soul, and body.

Definition of SOUL: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your soul is your intellect, emotions, and will.

You \_\_\_\_\_ a spirit. You \_\_\_\_\_ a soul. You \_\_\_\_\_ a body.

Your spirit is saved. Your soul is in the process of being saved. Your body will one day be transformed.

### **3. The process of changing your soul is called renewing the mind.**

Definition of RENEWING THE MIND:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- Exchanging the way you think for the way God says you should think.

Renewing the mind will cause your soul to prosper.

### **4. Your mind (soul) must prosper before your life will prosper.**

#### **3 John 2**

The prosperity of our entire life hangs on the prosperity of our soul.

Definition of A PROSPEROUS SOUL: A soul that hears and chooses to follow the spirit of a man.

Through the Word of God, a poor soul can be made prosperous.

### **5. The elements of a poor soul compared with the elements of a prosperous soul.**

If you have qualities of a poor soul they can be \_\_\_\_\_ to qualities of a prosperous soul.

- A poor soul rejects the knowledge of the Bible. A prosperous soul is hungry to learn the Word of God and change.

**Hosea 4:6**

**Matthew 5:6**

- A poor soul is controlled by the desires of the flesh. A prosperous soul has a disciplined mind that agrees with the spirit.

**Romans 8:5, 6**

- A poor soul is indecisive and double-minded. A prosperous soul has a mind that meditates on God's Word and follows its precepts.

**James 1:6-8**

**Psalm 1:1-3**

- A poor soul dwells on negativity and focuses on what you are not able to do. A prosperous soul dwells on good things, has control over thoughts, and focuses on what can be accomplished through Christ.

**2 Corinthians 10:4, 5**

**Philippians 4:8**

- A poor soul refuses to change. It defends and makes excuses for past mistakes and sins. A prosperous soul confesses its faults openly and seeks change.

**Proverbs 9:7-9**

**James 5:16**

- A poor soul spends all of its time thinking about the natural and earthly. It is a mind set on material things. It also allows emotions, attitudes, and feelings to dictate behavior. A prosperous soul has a mind that is set on God's Word and allows God's Spirit to have involvement.

**Colossians 3:1-10**

- A poor soul does not have self-authority and lives a life controlled by outside circumstances. A prosperous soul practices self-authority and lives life by the inside out, not by the outside in.

God has given you authority over yourself.

That means that your life is \_\_\_\_\_

You should live by the inside out, not by the outside in.

When your soul is prosperous no one can make you be what you don't want to be.

i.e., No one can make you mad because you are in charge of your soul.

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i.e., "I will meet you at 1:00."

Self-authority also creates the ability to react to life's situations in a realistic manner.

- A poor soul can only relate to a few people. A prosperous soul has the ability to relate to a variety of people

Jesus could relate to a variety of people.

The more oppressed your soul, the fewer people you want to be around.

Racial prejudice \_\_\_\_\_

- A poor soul always has problems with authority. The ability to respond properly to godly authority without feeling threatened comes from a prosperous soul.

There will always be authority (government, cities, schools, job, home, church, etc.)

God designed authority to lead you into success.

The fight against authority is a sign that \_\_\_\_\_

## **6. Prosperity and health begin with what is inside of a person.**

### **3 John 2**

God created you to prosper in every area of life and be healthy, not to struggle through life.

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### **Matthew 12:35**

When your soul prospers you have good treasure and you bring forth good fruit.

The opposite is also true.

Lie: Things outside of us are controlling the outcome of our lives.

Truth: Things on the outside may have some minor influence on you, but what is inside of you is controlling the kind of life you experience.

Many people think that outside circumstances determine our course in life. Actually, as a Christian, we understand that what we deposit in our hearts determines our lives. What is inside of us directly affects what is outside of us.