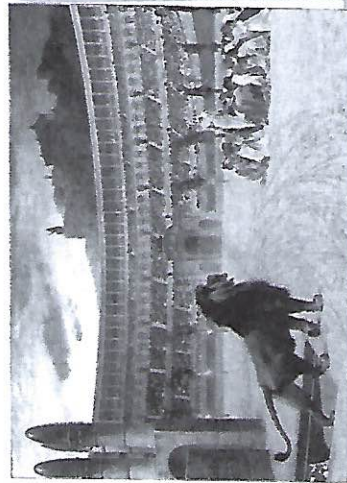


Evaluation – What are the benefits in being in the will of God?
...work out your salvation with fear and trembling....Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you. 1Ti 4:16

Realization – Enduring give opportunity to build confidence. But remember the former days, when, after being enlightened, you endured a great conflict of sufferings, ... **Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.** For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised. Heb 10:32-36

Paul - I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

2Ti 4:7-8



The Christian Martyrs' Last Prayer by Jean Leon Jerome

Will you following Christ example? Heb 12:1-3

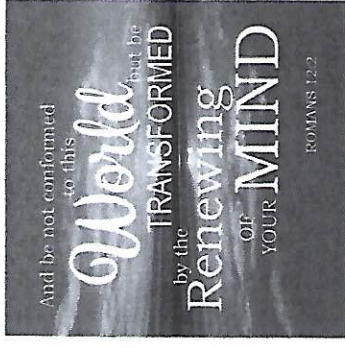
Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Heb 12:1-3

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Acts 17:11

Title: Win the War of your Mind
Main Text: Romans 12:1-2, (2 Cor 10:3-5)
Date: May 28, 2023

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. Rom 12:1-2



Do not be conformed to this world
Conforming – Examples: Past – Present – Future?

Observation – As in the days of Noah –

Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts ^{H4284} of his heart ^{H3820} was only evil continually. Genesis 6:5

Referenced by Jesus: “For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah.” Mat 24:37

- For many walk, of-whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ, whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things. Phil 3:18-19

Evaluation – Conformity is the norm -Broad road in the last days - But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of ~~~~~ lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 2Ti 3:1-4

Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid; for God has come in order to test you, and in order that the fear of Him may remain with you, so that you may not sin.” Exo 20:20

Realization – results of conforming to the world- separation and ultimately eternal judgment – separation from God.

For it is written, I live, saith the Lord, that to me shall bow every knee, and every tongue shall confess to God so, then, **each of us concerning himself shall give reckoning to God;**
Rom 14:12 (YLT – Young’s Literal Translation)

“But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.” Rev 21:8

Be transformed by the renewing of your mind

Transformed – Examples: Past – Present – Future?

Observation – For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God Rom 8:6-7a

Evaluation – What are the benefits and consequences of ... ?

Benefits – “This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and **then you will have success.**” Jos 1:8

Consequences - But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. Jas 1:7-8

Then that lawless one will be revealed.... that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false, in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness. 2Th 2:8a, 9-12

Realization – Takes **EFFORT**

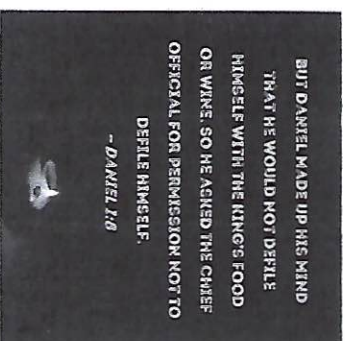
... discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness; for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. 1Tim 4:7b-8

Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but *only* one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. 25 Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. ~ 26 Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; 27 but I discipline my body and make it my slave. ... 1 Cor 9:24-27a

I must choose to renew my mind. I must persist in renewing my mind consistently.

I must choose obedience to what the Holy Spirit reveals - John 16:13

I must encourage others “make disciples” of Christ followers. Matt 28:18-20



The Reality IS - Be An Influence or Be Influenced

Dan 1:6 with Daniel were young men from Judea: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. The “our God whom we serve... .. He will deliver us...” courageous, confident examples of faith. Dan 3:17 Influenced by Daniel, absolutely!!

Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. Jas 1:12

Prove what the will of God is

Proved the will of God – Examples: Past – Present – Future?

Observation –

... we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character; hope; Rom 5:3-4