**R12 Session # 3**

**Authentic Christ Follower/Leader**

**Pillar 2: Your Relationship with the WORLD’S VALUES…SEPARATE from the world (12:2)**

Romans 12:1-2 (*NIV) Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.* ***Do not conform 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.***

Romans 12:1-2 *(The Message)**So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.*

PILLAR 2 – SEPARATE from the WORLD’S VALUES

Negative command: “*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the pattern of this world”*

*Expanded Translation: “Stop allowing yourselves to be molded by the influences and pressures of this world system.”*

Positive command: “*But be transformed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”*

*Expanded Translation: “But allow God to completely change your inward thinking and outward behavior by cooperating wholeheartedly moment by moment with the Spirit’s renewing process.”*

Purpose: “*Then you will be able to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_&\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-His good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

*Expanded translation: “Stop allowing yourselves to be molded by the influences and pressures of this present world we live in. Stop allowing Satan to dupe you, con you, use you, trick you, promise you life and love and power through a seductive world system that will only deliver disappointment, defeat, depressions, and make you a slave to sin.”*

The World’s system:

I John 2:15-17 *Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father**is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.*

* The lust of the flesh = the passion \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* The lust of the eye = the passion \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* The pride of life = the passion \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_– \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Practical methods for renewing your mind:

* 1. H\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_God’s Word… *Consequently, faith comes by hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ. Romans 10:17*
  2. *R\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_God’s Word… Blessed is the one who reads the words of prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written, because the time is near. Rev. 1:3*
  3. *S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_God’s word…Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. 2 Tim. 2:15*
  4. *M\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_God’s Word…How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Psalm 119:9,11*

Next Week read and memorize: Romans 12:3-8