

Renew, Acknowledge & Experience

Lesson 4 – Outline

1. Most Christians are dominated by what they can see, taste, hear, smell, and feel instead of God's Word.
 - A. The flow of life within stays turned off because they don't believe anything they can't see.
 - B. They don't understand the change that happened in their born-again spirits or who they are in Christ.
 - C. To them, something's just not "real" if it can't be perceived through their five natural senses.
2. The Christian life isn't a process of "getting from God"; it's a process of renewing your mind and learning to release what you've already received.
 - A. It's much easier to release something you've already got than to go get something you don't yet have.
 - B. Doubt is eliminated once you believe you've already got it.
3. Your faith becomes effective, productive, and operative by acknowledging every good thing in you (your spirit) in Christ.

"That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus" (Philem. 6).

- A. To communicate means to release or transfer.
 - B. "Effectual" means it begins to work or produce.
4. Under the New Covenant, we have all received (past tense) His fullness.

"And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace" (John 1:16).

- A. God gave you everything when you were born again.
- B. Old Testament principles don't necessarily apply to New Testament faith.
- C. The rest of your Christian life is learning how to manifest in the physical realm what's already in your born-again spirit.

5. Most Christians believe God can do anything, but they experience very little.
 - A. They focus on what they need to do instead of what Christ has already done.
 - B. They don't doubt God's power, but His willingness to use it on their behalf.
 - C. They think His power is out there somewhere and that they must do things in order to obtain it.
6. When you were born again, God put His power, anointing, victory, joy, peace—everything—in you in abundance.
 - A. The only reason they don't manifest is your unrenewed mind.
 - B. God already gave, but you're still looking at the physical realm instead of His spiritual mirror.
 - C. Until the Second Coming of Christ, or when you die and go to Him, the Christian life is renewing your mind and acknowledging the perfection already in your spirit so that your soul and physical body can experience the benefits of salvation.
7. Don't be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” (Rom. 12:1-2).

- A. To be conformed means to be poured into the mold of.
 - B. You can't avoid being melted, but you can choose which mold you'll be poured into.
 - C. “Transformed” is the picture of a worm metamorphosing into a butterfly.
 - D. Your mind, thoughts, and attitudes determine whether you experience victory and the life of God in your spirit, or the defeat and death of the fallen natural realm.
8. Renewing your mind to the Word facilitates your transformation.
 - A. God's Word gives you the new values and attitudes you should conform yourself to.
 - B. As you continually look into the Lord's spiritual mirror, you'll begin to see and experience yourself for who you really are.

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Lesson 4 – Discipleship Questions

1. Read Philemon 6. What is being communicated?
2. How does your faith become effectual?
3. Can you acknowledge something that isn't really there?
4. According to this verse, are the things in you in Christ Jesus good or bad?
5. According to John 1:16, whose fullness have we received?
6. Who has received?
7. When did we receive this fullness?
8. According to Romans 12:1-2, we are to present our bodies as what?
9. This living sacrifice is what?
 - A. Holy.
 - B. Acceptable unto God.
 - C. Your reasonable service.
 - D. All of the above.
 - E. None of the above.
10. What are we NOT to be conformed to?
11. We are _____ by the _____ of our minds.
12. How is God's will described?
 - A. Bad, unacceptable, and imperfect.
 - B. Good, acceptable, and perfect.
 - C. Boring, sickly, and destructive.

13. As your mind becomes more and more renewed to the Word of God, you will experience His will _____.
- A. More.
 - B. Less.
 - C. The same.