

Lesson 3: Prospering the Mind

□ **1 Thessalonians 5:23**

- Sanctify = to set apart from the world's system, to God's system
- Sanctify = conforming your life to become Christ-like
- **(1Th 5:23)** [Message Translation] May God himself, the God who makes everything holy and whole, make you holy and whole, put you together—spirit, soul, and body—and keep you fit for the coming of our Master, Jesus Christ.
 - Fit = furnish you with things that are proper & suitable for the Life God intends

I. **Walking in the BLESSING of God**

- a. Deuteronomy 28:2
 - a.i. BLESSING = the empowerment to prosper
- b. Galatians 3:13-14, 16, 29

II. **Prosperity and Health are God's Will for Everyone**

- a. 3 John 2
 - a.i. “even as” = to the level or degree that the Soul (mind, will & emotions) is prospered
 - a.ii. “even as” = in direct proportion to
- b. A Prosperous Soul:
 - b.i. A renewed mind to the Word of God
 - b.ii. A will conformed to God's Will
 - b.iii. Emotions that are under the control of the Fruit of the Spirit
- c. “Heirs to the Promise” = Romans 8:14-17

III. **Renewing the Mind**

- a. Romans 12:2
- b. **(Rom 12:2)** [Amplified Classic Version] Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [*fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs*], but be transformed (changed) by the [*entire*] renewal of your mind [*by its new ideals and its new attitude*], so that you may prove [*for yourselves*] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [*in His sight for you*].

III. Renewing the Mind *(continued)*

- c. (Rom 12:2) [Message Translation] 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.
 - c.i. Changed from the inside – out
 - c.ii. Conformed = well adjusted
 - c.iii. Focus on God's Values
- d. Joshua 1:8
 - d.i. Transformed = a complete change in form
- e. Proverbs 23:7 = “for as a man thinks in his heart so is he ...”
- f. 2 Corinthians 10:3-6