



# WordfortheWay.com Newsletter

WordfortheWay.com is a blog designed to give you a brief dose of God's Word, the Bible, to encourage, to strengthen, and to prepare you for your daily walk in this thing we call life.



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## Thinking Transformed

Part 1

Have you ever thought about what you are thinking about? Yes, I'm serious. Or, how about this question: Have you ever had a thought run through your mind that was so outlandish, so weird, or so unchristian that you said, out loud, "Wow! Where did that come from?"

I must admit, there are times my brain has a mind of its own. It takes off on some tangent, scampering down into little rabbit holes and other God-forsaken places where it has no sane reason to be—wasting time, effort, and spiritual energy. My brain, if I'm not careful, can get way out of control.

Yes, I've had times where I blew my own mind with what I was thinking. And I don't mean that in a good way.

Just in case there are others out there, who, like me, are fighting an on-again-off-again battle with their mind, I thought I would invest some time over the next few weeks studying what the Bible has to say about the battle of the mind and how we can bring it under subjection to the Word of God and to the Will of God.

By the way, the title of this series of short articles is Thinking Transformed (not Thinking Transformed). Sometimes we have to change (there's an uncomfortable word) how we've been doing things—in this case instead of reading from the top down reading from the bottom up (please note the direction arrows). The important thing is that we start where we are and move up (always up), one step at a time.

*1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.*

*2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.* — Romans 12:1-2 (NKJV)

**Recognize the need.** The first step in solving any problem is to accept that there is indeed a problem that needs to be solved. This doesn't necessarily mean that it's a life or death situation, but could just be an area of opportunity for personal, spiritual growth.

**Make a decision.** The next thing we must do involves making a conscientious decision to take the necessary steps and to make the required adjustments to facilitate the desired change. This decision must not be solely based on emotions but should be accompanied by a dogged determination and an insatiable hunger for growth and improvement.

**Above all, desire to please the Lord.** Underlying everything, that we do in our Christian walk, is a love for the Word of God and a heartfelt yearning to be as pleasing to the Lord as we can possibly be.

**Accept that God is fair.** In Romans 12:1, the Apostle Paul reminds us that any sacrifice that we make is no more than our "reasonable service". Our Lord is not unfair or cruel. His goal is to help us enrich our lives and inherit the eternal life that He has provided. He truly wants what is best for us.

Have a great week! 

## Missionary Prayer List

Monday

Richard & Pamela Smoak

Tanzania;  
Burundi;  
Rwanda



Tuesday

Mike & Miriam Sponsler

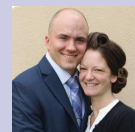
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Wednesday

Zach & Jennifer Sportsman

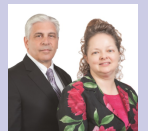
Rwanda;  
Burundi



Thursday

Mark & Mariann Starin

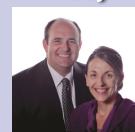
Middle East;  
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N. Africa



Friday

Jonathan & Maria Strickland

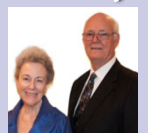
Ireland



Sim & Judy Strickland

Greece;  
Armenia;  
Macedonia

Saturday



Sunday

Craig & Lyna Sully

Senegal;  
French  
West Africa





When One Turns to the Lord

— 2 Corinthians 3:16-18 (NKJV)

16 Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Memory Verse

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

— II Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)

Our Purpose

One of the purposes of [WordfortheWay.com](http://WordfortheWay.com) is to promote the daily habit of reading God's Word. We are starting a new year today. I would like to encourage you to join us as we embark on a journey through the Bible this year.

2024 BIBLE READING PLAN - January

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