

2019 FOCUS:

THE WORD OF GOD - ("IT IS WRITTEN")

RENEW YOUR MIND!

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TEXT: Ephesians 4:23-24

23let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. **24** Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

Romans 12 “**2**Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.”

PAUL EXPLAINED THIS NEW NATURE OR RENEWED MIND:

Philippians 3:13-14 “**13** ... one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, **14** I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

At this point, what was on Paul's mind was how to the work done.

Romans 8: ²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son,³⁰ those he predestined, He also called; those He called, He also justified; those He justified, He also glorified.

Unless you know you have won your prize, the journey is not over.

Significant thing in the testimony of Jesus is His glorification:

“But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because He suffered death.” (Heb 12:2).

Because I know I have not won my prize that qualifies me to be glorified, I have to continue renewing my mind to pursue.

When Paul finished his race, his language changed to:

⁷ “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, ... ⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness” (2 Timothy 4:7-8)

Looking at the past will either slow you down or stop you from taking hold of the future.

Bible says that they

“ **31** those who wait upon the LORD will renew their strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not faint.” **Isaiah 40:31**

Brethren, strength is not in age, it is in the mind:

“**30** Even the youths may faint and grow weary, and young men stumble and fall.” **Isaiah 40:31**

We must believe that WE CAN and “Make the most of every moment”

Paul said **14 I press on toward the goal**

God has called you: “ **24** The One who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.” (1 Thes 5:24).

Those who put their hand on the plow and look back are not fit for leadership.

“Jesus said, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.” Luke 9:62

- Do not look at your age (Abraham had Isaac while over 90 years)
- Do not look at your past sin nature (you have been set free indeed)
- Make the most of every moment.

Isaiah 43:18-19 “Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Genesis 18:11 Sarah had passed the age of childbearing. **12**So she laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out and my master is old, will I now have this pleasure?” **13**And the LORD asked Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Can I really bear a child when I am old?’ ...

Luke 1:20, Zachariah looked at his age and doubted angel Gabriel's message. He was punished: 20And now you will be silent and unable to speak until the day this comes to pass, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled at their proper time."

Brethren, let's be very careful. Unless you have not been called by God, but if you are called, you must forget age, past etc. and press forward for the call.

You must continually renew your strength.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Matthew 6:25-34 "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, ..., nor about your body.

Conclusion

David said

Psalm 71:18 And even when I am old and gray, O God, do not forsake me, Until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to all who are to come.

Brethren, I have a mandate, a focus and a purpose, therefore, age is nothing until I have declared God's strength to this generation and His power to all who are to come.

You also have a mandate.

Therefore, let's **Renew Our Mind and press on to the goal.**

God Bless You.