



Renewing your Mind

Romans 12:1-2 KJV

1) "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. 2) 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."

Pray

God spoke to me very clearly about the direction of 2017. He said "It's time for my people to get BATTLE READY"

As i began to dig deeper into what that meant, it became more and more clear as to what was needed in order to make this happen.

What we do in the body of christ is we hear a word or a message and do one of two things:

- 1) We either take action immediately without proper instruction and preparation.
- 2) or we do nothing at all.

We then miss out on a true opportunity for life transformation because we're accustomed to living life as usual while missing pivotal moments.

A change must take place in order for us to truly be Battle ready.

The Military uses bootcamp which can last between 7-12 weeks, and includes a rigorous physical fitness program, but also builds mental strength and knowledge of military history and tactics.

But God has given me several key points to help us in our endeavors to CHANGE!

They are the following:

- 1) Transformation
- 2)Preparation

- 3) Information
- 4) Implementation

To sum it all up lets call it THE PROCESS. Many don't like the process but the process is necessary!

(tell your neighbor the process is preparing us for our purpose)

It's time out for us trying to fight battles we aren't equipped to fight.

In order for 2017 to be a year of Victory! Guess what?

WE HAVE TO BE WILLING TO GO TO BATTLE!

You cant be victorious over something you haven't defeated!

The primary way the devil has been defeating us is through the consumption of information via media. The digital age. The era in which a toddler can have access to almost any piece of information in the world at their finger tips.

We have been bullied, beat down and battered in most recent years because we allow frequencies of the media to dictate how we govern our lives.

***“a Nielsen report released last week shows that Americans from 18 to 34 are less obsessed with social media than some of their older peers.***

***Adults 35 to 49 were found to spend an average of 6 hours 58 minutes a week on social media, compared with 6 hours 19 minutes a week for their younger counterparts. More predictably, adults 50 and over spent significantly less time on social media, with an average of 4 hours 9 minutes a week on the networks.” (NY Times)***

We consume so much of the world that we've subconsciously become just like them.

We have our moments where we realize how out of control we really are and we try to cut back our time sliding our thumbs up and down a 5.5 inch lcd screen that has now become the window in which we see the world.

While the enemy sits back and laughs because he's caused us to neglect the knowledge of Gods word.

We no longer desire God's daily bread, we are anxious to see if our platforms on social media are growing and creating avenues for us to appear more important.

Or check to see if our Instagram followers now validate us as "good looking people".

Did you know!

Studies have shown that your social networks affect your mood and your decisions!

"One of the most interesting findings to come out of a lot of the recent research in labs across the country and even overseas is that there's really a separation between what we intend to do and how decisions are actually made,"

"We have been able to show, using both observational and experimental methods, that seemingly very personal things like your emotional state or your body size, or how kind you are, or whether you vote or not, depends on whether other people around you do that, and even other people you don't know," - [Public Radio International.com](http://PublicRadioInternational.com)

1 Peter 5:8 ESV

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

It's hard to be strong in our faith when we are distracted (off guard). You become an easy target when you're off guard.

This is why bootcamp is necessary for soldiers it prepares them for situations where they must be attentive, alert and aware.

Proverbs 4:23 NLT

Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life!

God isn't impressed with your instagram feed.  
God isn't pleased with your pinterest post.  
And most certain that he's fed up with your Facebook.

Because if we can delve into his book and seek his face we will continue allow DISTRACTION to deter us from our DESTINY!

God isn't looking for use to change our behavior for a season, he's not into behavior modification, he's into life transformation.

If you allow God to transform your mind, every area of your life will be changed.

We cannot continue to be double minded believers with one foot in the world and the other in church. We know what the word says in James 1:8 about double minded folks, THEY UNSTABLE!

We GOTTA BE ALL IN!

Romans 12:2 NLT

1 And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. 2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.