

**III. How can the mind be renewed to develop Godly "established attitudes"?**

- A. Established attitudes re-formed to coincide with God's attitudes
  - 1. Consistent with His character - purity, righteousness, love, joy
  - 2. "Made new again"
    - a. Greek *anakainoo*: *ana*=again; *kainos*=new
    - b. Greek *ananeoo*: *ana*=again; *neos*=new
  - 3. In accord with the
    - a. newness of life in Jesus Christ - Rom. 6:4
    - b. newness of the Spirit - Rom. 7:6
    - c. new covenant - Heb. 8:8,13
    - d. new and living way - Heb. 10:20
    - e. new creature - II Cor. 5:17
    - f. new man - Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10
- B. Basis of Godly "established attitudes" is God's revelation of Himself
  - 1. Natural revelation
    - Ps. 19:1,2 - "the heavens declare the glory of God..."
    - Rom. 1:20 - "His attributes have been seen...through what he made"
  - 2. Incarnational revelation
    - Lk. 10:22 - "the Son will reveal Him"
    - Jn. 1:18 - "He has explained Him"
  - 3. Biblical revelation
    - II Tim. 3:16 - "all Scripture is inspired by God"
    - Not just Bible knowledge of Bible data or trivia
  - 4. Personal revelation
    - Phil. 3:15 - "God will reveal it to you"
    - Rom. 14:5 - "let each man be fully convinced in his own mind"
- C. Requires personal discipline to renew Godly established attitudes.
  - I Tim. 4:7 - "discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness"
  - 1. Undisciplined minds and thinking retain natural attitudes
  - 2. This is not the self-discipline of self-effort
  - 3. We must discipline (exercise) our minds and thoughts to allow for Godly action mobilized through Godly established attitudes
- D. A "mind-set" settled on God and His activity.
  - 1. A "steadfast mind" set on the things of God
    - Prov. 16:3 - "your thoughts shall be established"
    - Isa. 26:3 - "the steadfast of mind Thou wilt keep in perfect peace"
    - a. Not an idle mind - daydreaming, procrastinating, wasting time, fantasizing
    - b. Mind set on God's character and His ways
      - Phil. 4:8 - "whatever is true, right, pure...let your mind dwell on these..."
      - Col. 3:2 - "set your mind on things above..."
  - 2. A "mind-set" that spontaneously thinks of God and His activity
    - a. "Yes, Lord"
      - (1) temptation
      - (2) worship
    - b. Joy - Phil. 4:4; I Thess. 5:16
    - c. Laughter - Prov. 15:13; 17:22
    - d. Song in your heart - Eph. 5:19
    - e. Love for others - Rom. 5:5; Jn. 13:34
- E. Practical necessity of "renewing of mind" for Godly behavior
  - 1. Change in form of thinking and behavior (transformation) comes as an indirect result of renewal of mind - Rom. 12:2
  - 2. Cannot reverse: External nonconformity does not lead to behavioral transformation - Col. 2:20-23
  - 3. Based on spiritual regeneration and becoming a "new man" in Christ, the Christian has the indwelling spiritual sufficiency to engage in the renewing of the mind that allows for divinely