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Matthew 16:18 NLT**



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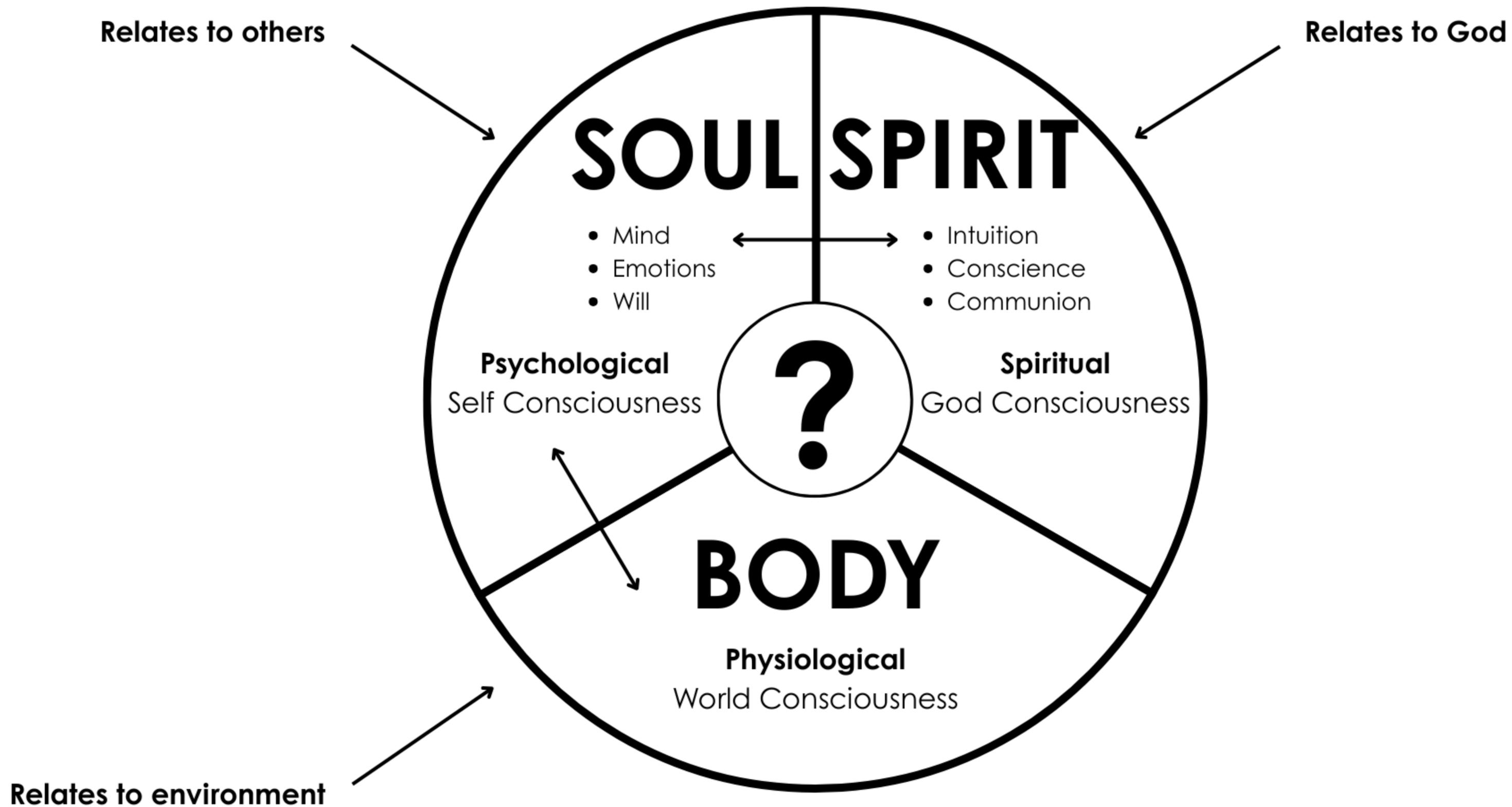
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- May God Himself sanctify you completely.
- May we be preserved blameless at His coming.



**HUMANS = 3 IN 1 ⇒ BODY + SOUL + SPIRIT**

# INPUT

## Through the 5 senses

- Eyes – What we see
- Ears – What we hear
- Nose – What we smell
- Tongue – What we taste
- Skin – What we touch/feel

# PROCESSING

## In the mind

A battlefield

- Intellect
- Emotion
- Will

# OUTPUT

## Through our life

- Our words
- Our actions

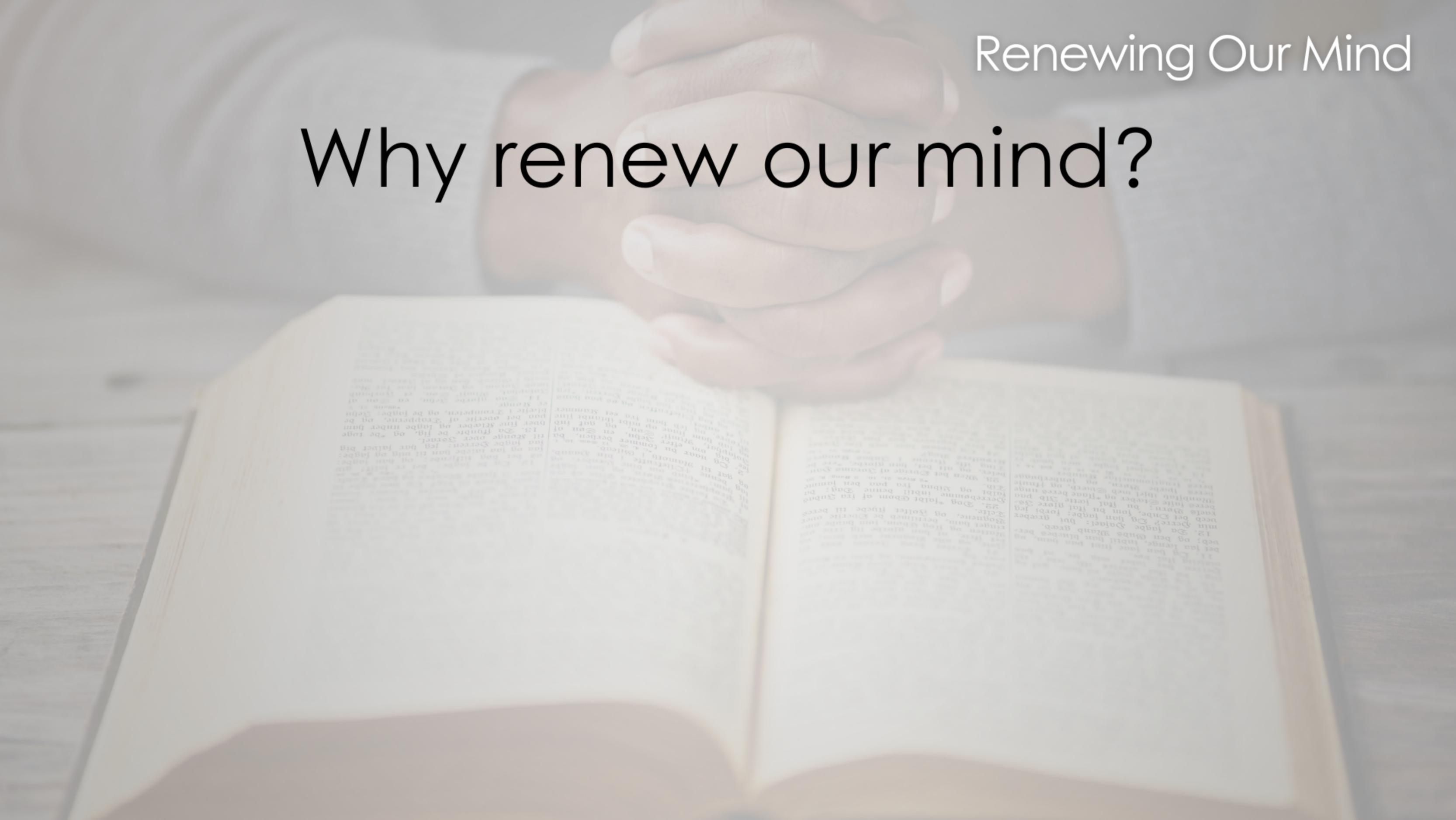
A close-up photograph of a person's hands clasped in prayer, resting on an open Bible. The hands are dark-skinned and are positioned in a traditional prayer gesture. The Bible is open, showing text on both pages, and is placed on a wooden surface. The background is softly blurred, showing a grey sweater. The overall mood is one of devotion and spiritual renewal.

# Renewing Our Mind

Romans 12:2 NIV

**Do not be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove the good acceptable and perfect will of God.**

# Why renew our mind?



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We now have a new Master / Owner / King

2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV

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

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Proverbs 23:7a

**For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.**

We are what we think in our heart/mind to be and not what we project ourselves to be.

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Romans 8:5-7 NKJV

**For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the**

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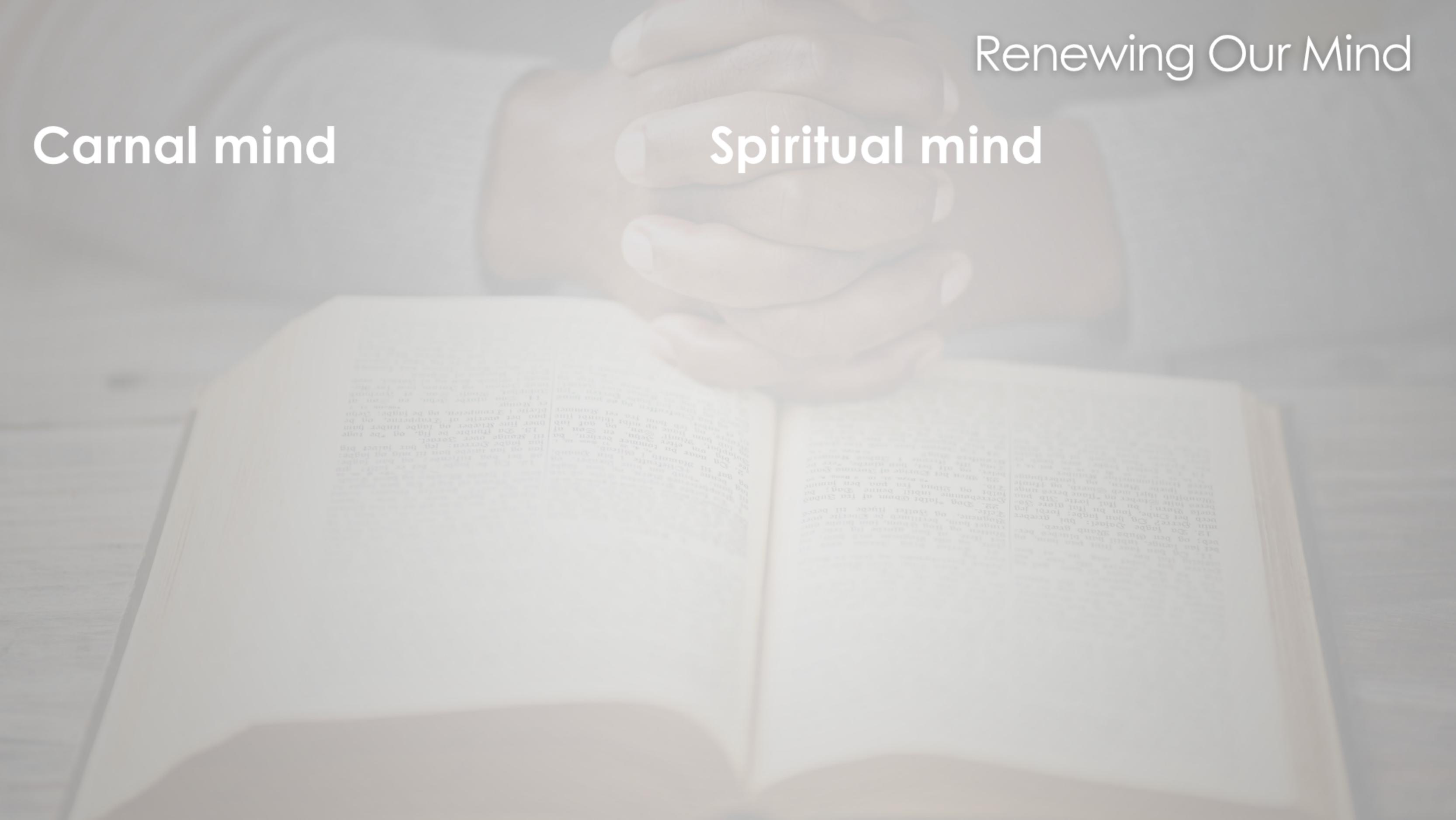
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**carnal minded is enmity against God; for  
it is not subject to the law of God, nor  
indeed can be.**

# Renewing Our Mind

Carnal mind

Spiritual mind



## Carnal mind

### Set on things of the flesh

Choked by (Luke 8:14)

- Worries of this life (wealth, work, status, influence)
- Deceitfulness of riches
- Desire for other things (pleasures of life)

Serves Mammon (Matt 6:24)

## Spiritual mind

### Set on things of the Spirit

Characterized by (Matt 6:19-34)

- Trusts God with this life
- Stores up treasures in heaven
- Desires for His presence & the Word of God (Ps: 27:4)

Serves God (Matt 6:24)

## Carnal mind

**Set on things of the flesh**  
**Leads to death**

- Brings no fruit to maturity  
(Luke 8:14)

## Spiritual mind

**Set on things of the Spirit**  
**Leads to life and peace**

- Abides in Him
- Keeps His Word
- Bears fruit with patience  
(Luke 8:15)

## Carnal mind

**Set on things of the flesh**

**Leads to death**

**Enmity to God**

- Surrounds oneself with evil company (1 Cor 15:33)
- Walks in the counsel of the ungodly (Psalm 1:1)
- Stands in the path of sinners
- Sits in the seat of scornful

## Spiritual mind

**Set on things of the Spirit**

**Leads to life and peace**

**Submitted to God**

- Surrounds oneself with godly company
- Walks in the safety of godly counsel
- Delights in the law of the Lord (Psalm 1:2)

# Why renew our mind?

Need to align our thoughts and ways to God's.

Isaiah 55: 8 NKJV

**For my thoughts are **not your thoughts**,  
neither are your ways my ways,  
declares the Lord.**

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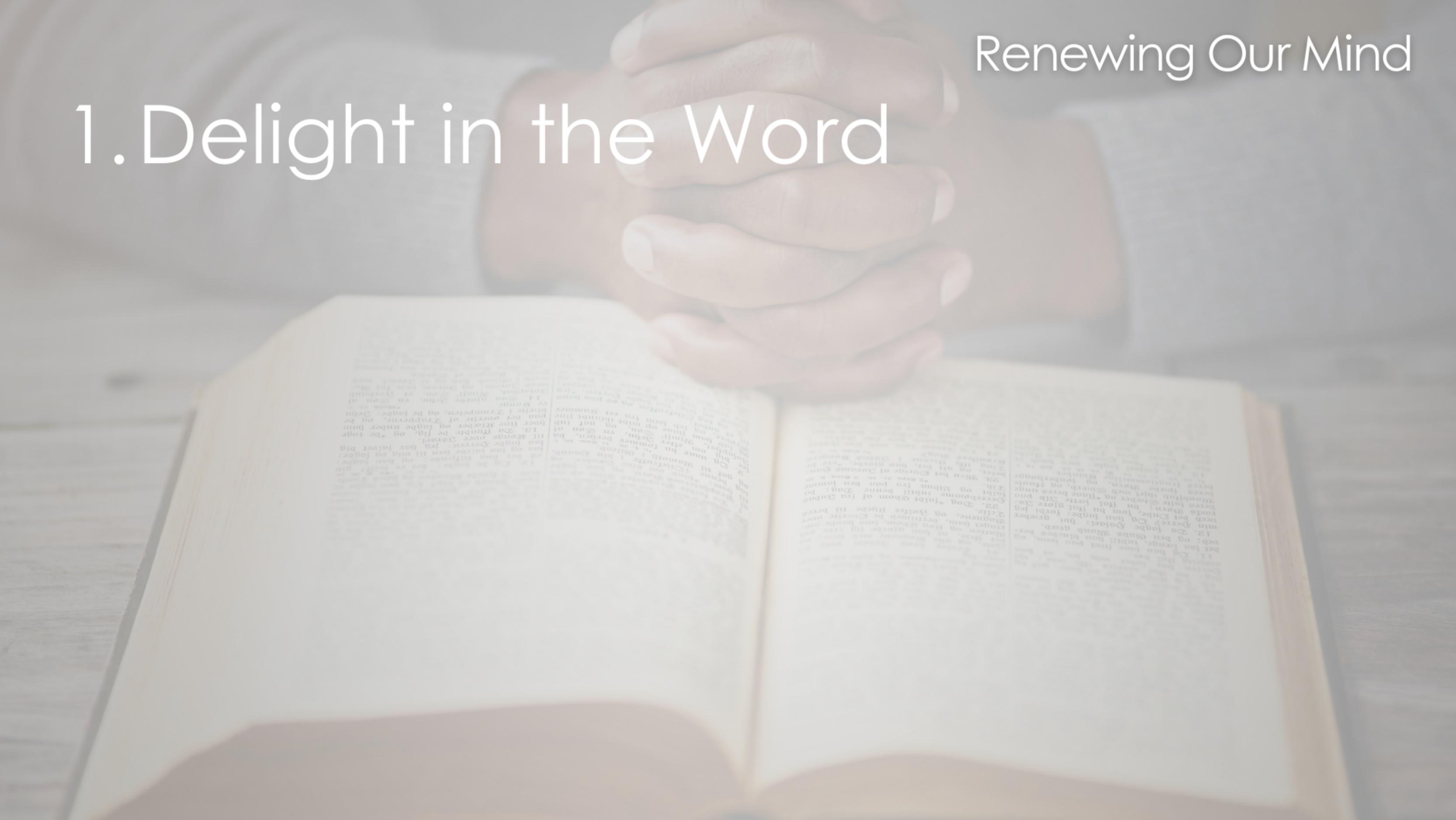
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- 2. Develop intimacy with God through prayer**
- 3. Declare the truth of God**
- 4. Develop gratitude to God**

# 1. Delight in the Word



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Psalm 1:2 NKJV

**But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night.**

Psalm 119:14 NKJV

**I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, as much as in all riches.**

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# 2. Develop intimacy with God through prayer



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### **Make it a habit to have a conversation with Him**

- Sit at His feet in solitude
- Learn from Him in the confines of the family
- Learn from Him in the confines of church community

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2 Corinthians 10:3-6 NKJV

**For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but **mighty in God** for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself**

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**against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.**

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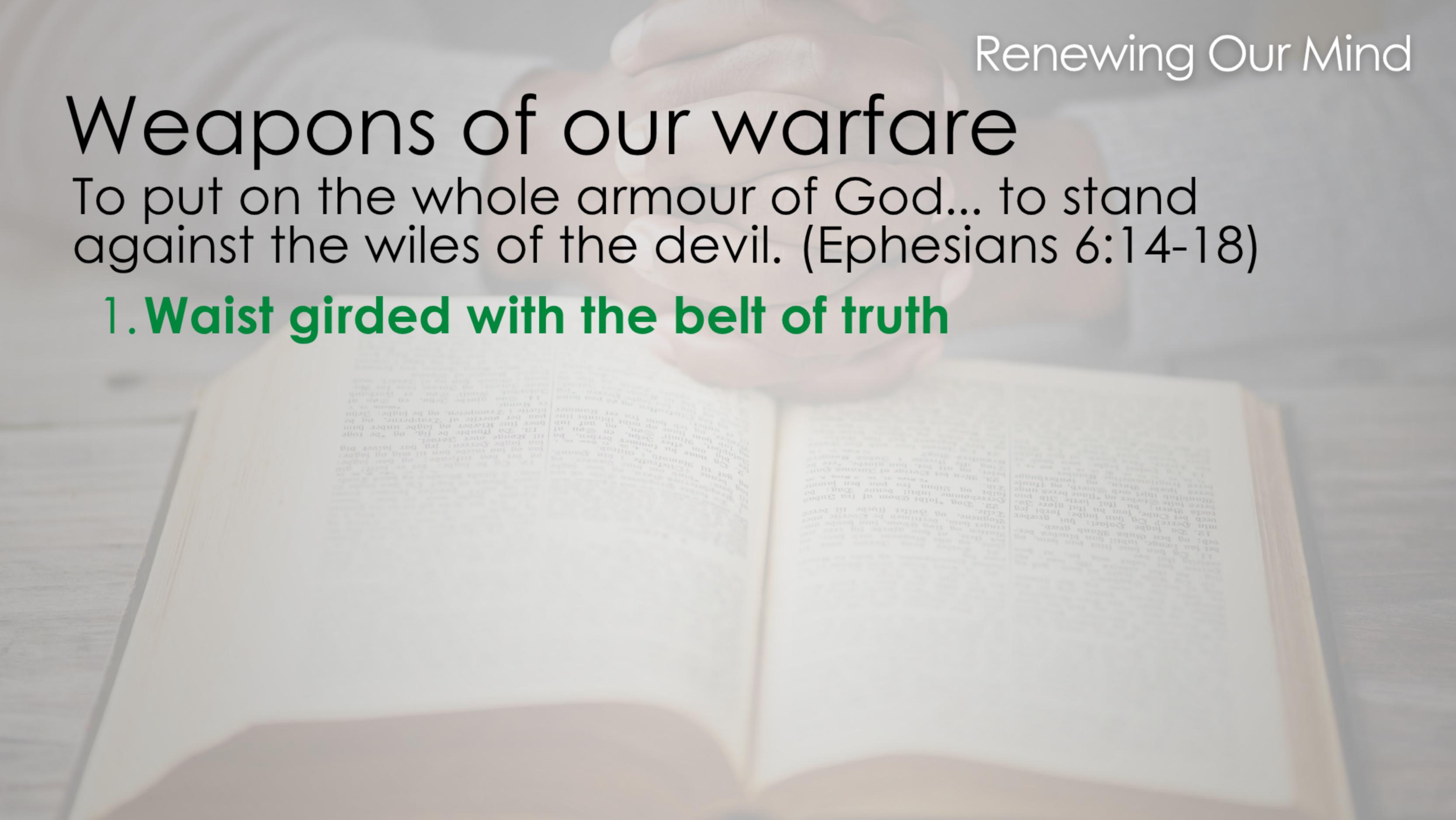
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**4. Shield of faith**

**To quench the fiery darts (gossip/slander/division in families) of the evil one.**

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## **7. Praying with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit**

## 2 Corinthians 10:3-6

Use the weapons of warfare to:

- 1. Pull down strongholds (strongholds of fear, covetousness, hatred, idolatry, racial prejudice, religious superstition etc).**
- 2. Cast down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God.**
- 3. Bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.**

# Exercise

- **Identify the stronghold over you**
- **What truth of God demolishes that stronghold?**
- **Meditate on it & declare it**

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# 4. Develop gratitude to God



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- Regularly take time to look back and thank God.
- Build altars of remembrance/ memorials, lest we forget.

1 Chronicles 17:16 NKJV

**Then King David went in and sat before the LORD; and he said: "Who am I, O LORD God? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far?"**

# Desire to have the mind of Christ

Philippians 2:5-8 NKJV

Let **this mind be in you** which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness

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# Desire to have the mind of Christ

Do not hold tightly to the things God has placed in your hands but be willing to give them up **only** in obedience to the will of God.

Deliberately focus on these things

Philippians 4:8 NKJV

Finally, brethren, whatever things are **true**,  
whatever things are **noble**, whatever  
things are **just**, whatever things are **pure**,  
whatever things are **lovely**, whatever  
things are of **good report**, if there is any  
**virtue** and if there is anything **praiseworthy**  
— meditate on these things.

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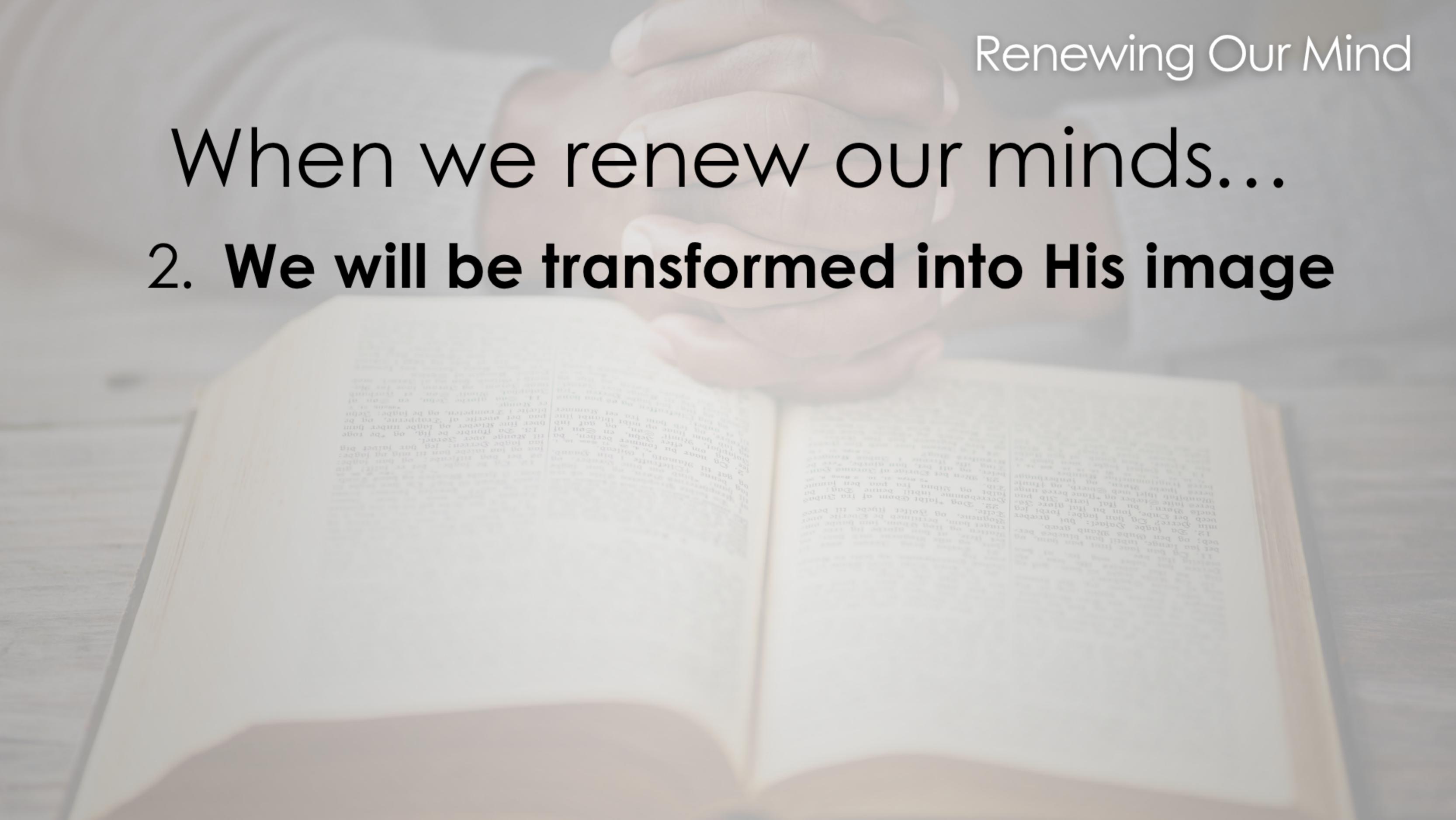
(Romans 12:2b NKJV)

1 Thessalonians 4:3a NKJV

**For this is the will of God: your sanctification...**

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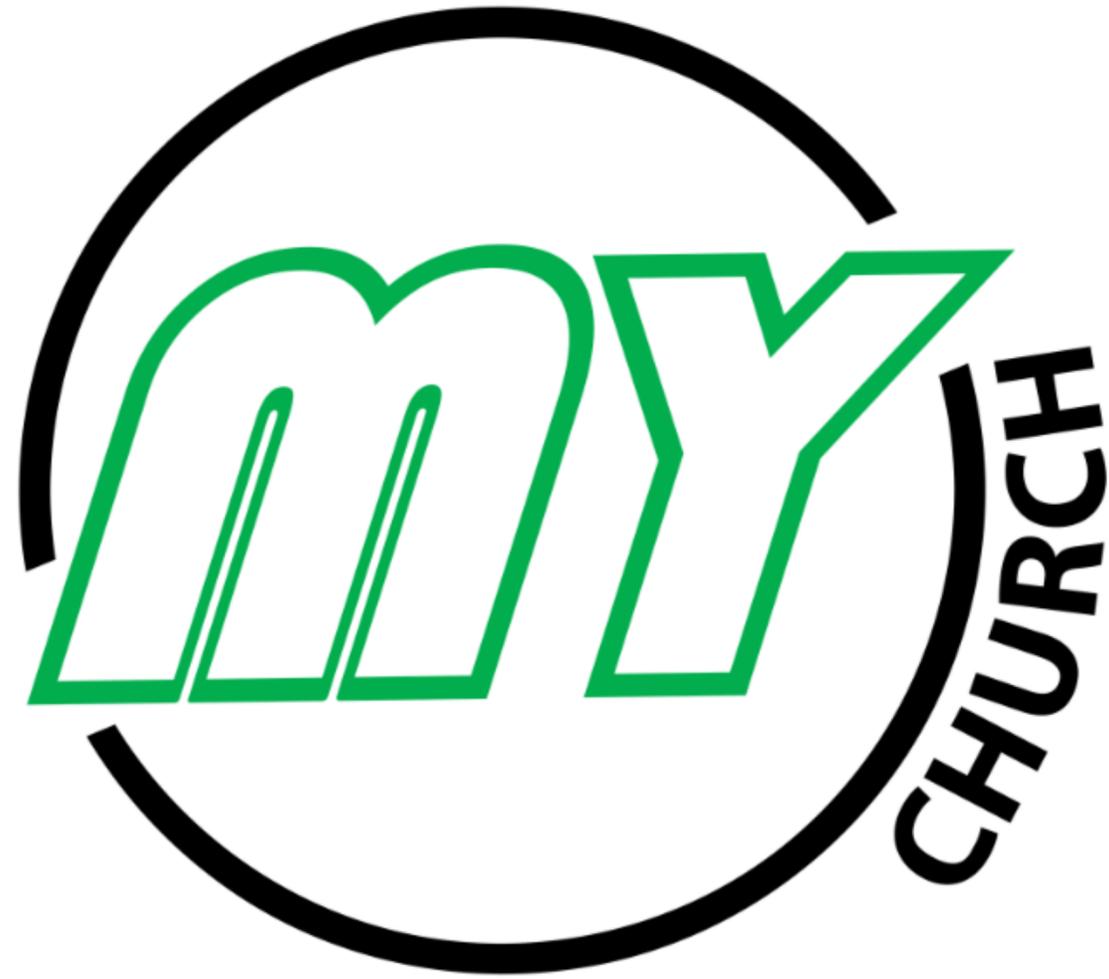
2 Corinthians 3:18 NKJV

**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.**

The things of this world will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

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