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“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.” —Romans 12:2, NLT

Jeremiah 29:11 tells us, “I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future” (NIV). God wants us to know him and the plans he has for us. He wants us to discover the great depth of his love for us and commitment for us. The Bible contains his words of love and direction.

God has given us his Word in the Bible and his indwelling Spirit to help us look at life and our current situation from his perspective. The Bible contains the truths that are vital to experiencing God’s best in life and eternity. It is God’s instruction manual to us for successful and supernatural living. As you read the Bible and pray, the Holy Spirit will bring God’s best for you into focus.

“The Scriptures were not given for our information, but for our transformation.”

- D. L. Moody

As Christians, we are disciples of Christ. We should be committed to learning his truth and following his directions. Use the following steps and questions periodically as you pray and seek to apply God’s truth in your life.

The Process of Renewing Your Mind

1. Receptivity—Check your attitude.

- Do I really believe that God’s truth can transform me?
- Am I willing to let God’s truth change me and my life?
- Has God already revealed truth to me I am unwilling to obey?
- Am I cultivating a submissive and obedient attitude?

2. Comprehension—Check your level of understanding.

- What new truth have I become aware of by reading my Bible, paying attention to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and going to church or listening to other Christians?
- What does this truth mean with regard to what I think, say, and do?
- What are the consequences of not applying this truth to my life?

3. Conviction—Check your level of belief.

- Am I convinced that it is important to apply this new revealed truth to my life as God shows me how?
- Do I truly believe that God is working in and through his Holy Spirit to lead me?

4. Transformation—Check your commitment.

- Am I willing to embrace what God has revealed to me and allow it to change my perception and actions?
- What is the next thing I should do to cooperate with the Holy Spirit in my transformation?

James 1:22 tells us, “Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says” NLT. God has given us the Bible to help us in our journey of discovery. Allow the Holy Spirit to use it in your life and enjoy the adventure.