

Quick Summary of Last Week’s Message:

**Romans 12:1-2** ...Let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think...

## But What does this Practically Look Like in Every Day Life?

- **Ask for More** (Luke 11:9-13)
- **Think Outside the Box**
  - Changing Your Definitions of What is “Great” or “Good” or “Desired”
  - Unique Ways The Holy Spirit Leads Me That Changes *the Way I Think*
    - Painful
    - Messy
    - Looking & Listening for God in Unexpected Places

### Ephesians 4:21-24

Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, throw off your old sinful nature and **your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception**. Instead, **let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes (renewing your mind)**. **Put on your new nature, created to be like God**—truly righteous and holy.

## STOP Stinking Thinking

*“Your Former Way of Life, Which is Corrupted by Lust and Deception...”*

- **Acknowledge the Reality of Lust’s & Deception’s Hold On Your Thinking**

### 1 John 2:15-17

<sup>15</sup>**Do not love this world nor the things it offers you**, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. <sup>16</sup>For the world offers only a **craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions**. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. <sup>17</sup>And **this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave**. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.

1. Comfort/Pleasure.
2. Wealth/Possessions
3. Career/Achievements

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*“this world is fading away, along with everything people crave...”*

**(Ecclesiastes 1:2)**  
“Vanity of vanities, all is vanity...”

**A mere Breath**

## EMBRACE & PURSUE A Brand New Way of Looking At Your Life

*“Let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes...”*

Comfort/Pleasure Accomplished Through Wealth/Possessions

- **Stop Trying to GET...and Allow God to GIVE Through Your Surrendered Life...**

1 Timothy 6:10 *Love of money...root of all evil...craving it...destroys faith...pierces with sorrow*

Matthew 6:21, 24-34 (The Message)

**The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being...**

“You can’t worship two gods at once. Loving one god, you’ll end up hating the other. Adoration of one feeds contempt for the other. You can’t worship God and Money both.

“If you decide for God, living a life of God-worship, it follows that you don’t fuss about what’s on the table at mealtimes or whether the clothes in your closet are in fashion. **There is far more to your life than the food you put in your stomach, more to your outer appearance than the clothes you hang on your body.** Look at the birds, free and unfettered, not tied down to a job description, careless in the care of God. And you count far more to him than birds. “Has anyone by fussing in front of the mirror ever gotten taller by so much as an inch? All this time and money wasted on fashion—do you think it makes that much difference? Instead of looking at the fashions, walk out into the fields and look at the wildflowers. They never primp or shop, but have you ever seen color and design quite like it? The ten best-dressed men and women in the country look shabby alongside them. “If God gives such attention to the appearance of wildflowers—most of which are never even seen—don’t you think he’ll attend to you, take pride in you, do his best for you? **What I’m trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with getting, so you can respond to God’s giving.** People who don’t know God and the way he works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how he works. **Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don’t worry about missing out.** You’ll find all your everyday human concerns will be met. **“Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don’t get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow.** God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.

Career/Achievements

- **Rethink Why You Have a Career; Why You Work...And Then Re-Purpose Your Provision**

*Ephesians 4:28 Work so that you may have something to share with him who is in need.*

## SURRENDER & FACILITATE God’s Agenda Living Through You

*“Put on your new nature, created to be like God...”*

- **Remind Yourself Everyday: “God Decides/Chooses My Agenda Today”**

Matthew 16:24-25

“If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. <sup>25</sup> If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.

Galatians 2:20

My old self has been crucified with Christ. **It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.** So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.