

**Prayer**: Start by praying to God for help on your transformation. **Scripture**:

"Don't be like the people of this world, but let God change the way you think. Then you will know how to do everything that is good and pleasing to him."

## Romans 12:2 CEV

## **Explanation**:

Paul urges the christians in Rome to not "conformed" to this world. The word he used in the greek original language means "to conform one's self (i.e. one's mind and character) to another's pattern, (fashion one's self according to)". The apostle Peter also gives an exhortation saying: "As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance" (1 Peter 1:14 KJV). Paul and Peter are appealing to all christians to not allowed themselves to take the same form, mind, or actions as the people who don't believe in God.

However, all christians need to *change* (i.e., the adjustment of the moral and spiritual vision and thinking to the mind of God, which is designed to have a transforming effect upon life), and that change will begin in the heart. Has a believer you have surrender it all to God (e.g. Mark 8:34), and as a disciple you learn from your Teacher (e.g. John 6:45). By doing so, you can accomplish, understand, and discern what is good and pleasing to your Teacher, your God, and your Creator. Only then, can you fully comprehend what He as a good and merciful God expects from you. In order to do so, you need to study the mind of God (*His Word*) and adjust your thinking to IT.

You cannot please God if you think for Him, or if you guess what you think He wants. You need to read in order to understand His Will (e.g. Ephesians 4:3), and you need to accept what His Word says.

## **Meditate**:

Please take the time to meditate on the following questions: Have you adapted to the mentality of non-believers? Have you started to talked and act as other people do? Are you making a difference with your friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc.? Are you allowing God to speak through you and for you?

Prayer: Finish with a prayer asking God for wisdom to surrender it all to Him.