

Conformed or Transformed
Romans 12:2

Romans 12:2 explains what we must do and not do for us to fulfill 12:1.

What we must not do: be conformed to this world.

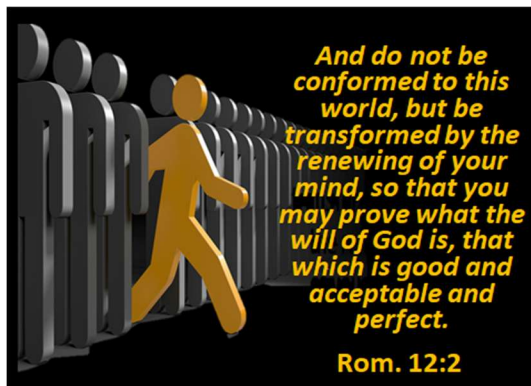
- Negative: We must resist the pressure to conform to this world (*age*), I Pt. 1:14, which is passing away, I Cor. 7:31, I Jn. 2:17, Rom. 13:12.
- What are common areas where we are pressured to conform to this world, and who/what are common sources which seek to pressure us?

What we must do: be transformed by mind-renewal.

- Positive: We must allow the Holy Spirit to gradually transform us (pass. impv.), II Cor. 3:18. This behavior transformation begins in our minds (8:1-13): “the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, 8:6.
- What you need to know about your mind to make renewing it easier:

What we will approve: God’s good, acceptable, perfect will.

- Here is the purpose of a transformed life. The key verb is translated *prove* (KJV, NASV) *by testing you may discern* (ESV) *learn to know* (NLT), *test and approve* (NIV, NET). See 2:18, 14:22, neg. in 1:28.
- God’s will is intrinsically excellent (*good, acceptable, perfect*). This is God’s moral will since chs. 6-8 are not about finding God’s will but about being willing to do it, which our flesh resists.



“What consumes your mind is what controls your life.”

--Anonymous