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### **Romans 12:2**

Today's verse outlines the commitment and steps necessary in developing a godly lifestyle. Paul was urgently warning believers not to be conformed to the patterns of the world. Our susceptibility to compromise is one of the greatest dangers in the church today.

Through ungodly relationships and the impact of media, we're being influenced by people who are not following God's ways. Our society tells us to put self first, take what we want, protect our rights, and promote our own interests above others'. In contrast, Jesus said that our heavenly Father will provide what we truly need ([Phil. 4:19](#)), we are to deny ourselves and follow Him ([Luke 9:23](#)), and the humble—not the proud—shall receive honor ([James 4:10](#)). Conformity to the world's ideals will lead us away from God.

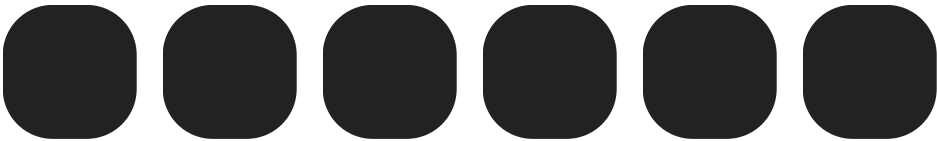
At the same time, Paul urged us to pursue godly transformation of our mind, to set our thoughts on things above ([Col. 3:2](#)) and to focus on what is true, right, pure, and lovely ([Phil. 4:8](#)). Adopting a Christian worldview will lead to Christlike actions. It requires making adjustments in how we look at life, until our thoughts line up with Scripture. We must also protect our mind with biblical truth and surround ourselves with mature believers who can warn us when we start to stray.

Ask yourself, *Am I focusing on what is important to the Lord? Avoiding compromise? Making a conscious effort to adhere to biblical truth? Demonstrating a pattern of godly transformation?* Let the Holy Spirit empower you to make the changes necessary to be more like Christ.

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