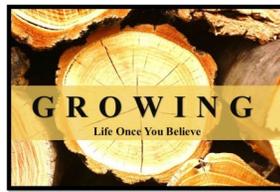


# RENEWING OUR MINDS

ROM. 12:1-2; COL. 3



A \_\_\_\_\_ for life (Rom. 12:1)

A \_\_\_\_\_ for growth  
(Rom 12:2, Col. 3)

“Thoughts are the place where we can and must begin to change. There the light of God first begins to move upon us through the Word of Christ, and there the divine Spirit begins to direct our will to more and more thoughts that can provide the basis for choosing to realign ourselves with God and His ways.” ~ Dallas Willard

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A \_\_\_\_\_ for today

“The more genuinely spiritual you are according to Romans 12.... The more clearly and accurately and carefully you will think, particularly about what the completed goal of your Christian journey will be and hence what steps you should be taking, what habits you should be acquiring, as part of the journey toward the goal, right now.” ~ N.T. Wright

## Going Deeper

(For individual or small groups to go deeper with the passage)

- Read Romans 12:1-2 and Colossians 3. Circle or note any words which have to do with our thought life.
- How would you describe the way Paul begins both Rom. 12 and Col. 3?
- How does Rom. 12 connect with Hos.6:6 , Psa. 40:6-8 & Psa. 51:16-17?
- Paul calls us to offer our “bodies as living sacrifices.” What does this mean? What dies? What lives?
- Col.3 commands us to put to death certain things, rid ourselves of things, and stop doing things. What type of things are these?
- What type of things are we to “put on” (Col.3:12)?
- How do we put these things on (Col. 3:1-4, 10, 15-17)? How does thinking play into this putting off and putting on?
- Spiritual Exercise: Read through Colossians 3 again thinking about your present life and relationships. Ask the Holy Spirit to call to your mind habits of this age which need to be taken off and a new habit of a renewed mind that He wants you to put on. How will you set your mind on the things above and act in obedience to the Holy Spirit’s leading?