



Choose to BE
Romans 12:2 NKJV
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INTRODUCTION

- † Romans 12:2 NKJV
 - † Romans 12:2 NIV
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1) WE HAVE A _____

God grants us privilege to choose.

God has Given us:

- **Choice to accept His Son Jesus as our Lord and Savior.**
- **Choice on how to walk out our salvation.**
- **Everything we need to live holy, godly, different from the world**

It is *our* choice!

He lets us know what choice we need to make in order to know His Will, to live a Godly lifestyle, holy, set apart.

Shakespeare wrote in Hamlet,

“To be or not to be, that is the question.”

Question for today from Romans 12:2,

Are you *not* going to be conformed to the world?

Or are you going to be transformed by the renewing of your mind?

That is the question.

In order to choose to BE, you must first choose NOT to BE.

Your choice will affect the way you live.

2) CHOICE TO _____ TO THE WORLD

Conform - comply with the rules, standards, of laws

- (of a person) behave according to socially acceptable conventions or standards
- Be similar in form or type; agree

(Greek: *syschēmatzō*) verb, to conform one's self (one's mind and character) to another's pattern (fashion one's self according to)

Strong's Definition: to fashion alike, i.e. conform to the same pattern (figuratively) — conform to, fashion self according to

It is not the act of conforming that is wrong.

- † Romans 8:29 NKJV
- † Philippians 3:10 NKJV
- † Philippians 3:20-21 NKJV

We are not to conform to the world!

- World, in this passage is used as a metonymy
- Metonymy - figure of speech that involves replacing a word or phrase with a closely related one
 - Wall Street for financial industry
 - White House for president
 - dish for meal
 - “lend a hand” for helping believer, for Christian

In this passage, world is a metonymy for men/women controlled by the thoughts and pursuits of this present time

- Thoughts - the world's systems and way of doing things
- Pursuits – possessions, careers, happiness, pleasure, fame, fortune

We are not to be influenced by our culture ... We are to influence the culture!

- Culture (AVID definition) - anything that we allow

We are not to be influenced by the world:

- † 1 John 2:16 NKJV
- † Parable of the Sower — 3rd Soil
- † Matthew 13:22 NKJV
- † Mark 8:36 NKJV

We are to influence the world (Matthew 5:13-16)

We are supposed to influence by being the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

3) CHOICE TO _____

Greek word for transformed: metamorphoō

English word derived from the Greek word is metamorphosis

Strong's Definition - to transform (literally or figuratively, "metamorphose") — change transfigure, transform

† 2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV

Question: How does this metamorphosis, this transformation happen?

Answer: By renewing your mind

† Romans 12:2 NLT says, "by changing the way you think."

We become what we place in our minds.

† Galatians 6:7-8 NKJV

We can't sow negativity into our brains and expect for positivity or, as believers, expect holiness to happen.

WHATEVER WE WATCH OR LISTEN TO AFFECTS US.

Our mind cannot be renewed if we are placing worldly material in it.

† Philippians 4:8 NKJV

Googled Question: What influences our thinking?

Observations:

a) You have to beware of who you are spending time with.

Psalm 1:1 NKJV

b) Singing and meditation can influence our thoughts.

(Psalm 1:2; Psalms 101:1; Joshua 1:8; Philippians 4:8)

c) We can choose to change the way we think (Romans 12:2).

4) CHOOSING TO BE TRANSFORMED WILL _____ GOD'S WILL

What is God's will?

Do you know what His will is for your life?

How do you know if you are in the will of God?

These are not trick questions.

A surrendered life, a life that has been transformed will know and prove to you these answers. Even if they are not able to articulate all of these answers clearly, their life definitely does.

The answer is to be transformed, to let God transform you, metamorphosize you, by renewing your mind.

It's impossible to know God or to know His will without having a relationship with God through His Son, Jesus.

What is God's will?

His Word (John 1:1-3; 14)

What is His will for your life?

To reflect Him, to be holy (Genesis 1:26; 1 Peter:15)

How do you know if you are in the will of God?

By being obedient to His word

That you may prove...

The choice **to BE** proves!

When you choose **to BE**, God proves to you what His good and acceptable and perfect will is.

People are watching you and as they watch your choice **to BE**, it proves to them what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

† Mark 3:33-35 NKJV

† Psalm 18:30, 18:32 NKJV

If you want to know God's will for your life, choose **to BE** transformed.

Let His Word transform the way you think.

Let His Holy Spirit influence your thoughts and your actions.

c) Let your light shine before men and choose to be the salt of the earth that Jesus told us to be.
