



## Week 5- How to Get God's Best for Your Life: Part 1

Introduction: Why are there so many decisions...  
...and so few disciples?

Negative Command: *"Do not be conformed to the pattern of this world..."*

*"Do not be conformed"*

- **Passive voice** – the subject is being \_\_\_\_\_ upon
- **Imperative**- a \_\_\_\_\_
- **Present tense**- it is \_\_\_\_\_
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Translation: "Stop allowing yourselves to be molded by the influences and pressures of this present world system."

Application: We are to be \_\_\_\_\_ from the world's values.

*<sup>15</sup>"Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. <sup>17</sup>The world is passing away and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever."*

**1 John 2:15-17 (NASB)**

Summary: The world's system seeks to \_\_\_\_\_ us from our love for Christ by \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Positive Command:** "...but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

***"Be transformed"***

- Passive voice- the subject is being \_\_\_\_\_ upon
- Imperative - a \_\_\_\_\_
- Present tense - it is \_\_\_\_\_

Translation- "But allow God to completely change your inward thinking and outward behavior by cooperating wholeheartedly moment-by-moment with the Spirit's renewing process."

**Application**

Are you shaped more by the \_\_\_\_\_ or the \_\_\_\_\_?

***But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.'"***

**Matthew 4:4 (NASB)**

***But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.***

**2 Corinthians 3:18 (NASB)**



## Talk It Over:

**Where do you struggle the most? What about the world's system draws you and tempts you the most?**

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**Think about our culture- what are some prominent values that are contrary to God's Word?**

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**Consider John 17:13-18. What does it mean to be in the world but not of the world?**

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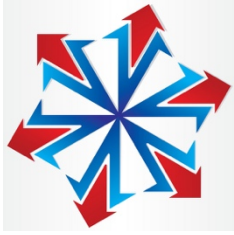
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**As you consider your spiritual journey, what are some of the ways that God has transformed your thinking, your behavior, your character?**

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## Live It Out- B.I.O.

### **B = COME “BEFORE GOD” DAILY**

**Meet with Him personally through prayer and His word to enjoy His presence, receive His direction, and follow His will.**

### **I = DO LIFE “IN COMMUNITY” WEEKLY**

**Structure your week to personally connect in safe relationships that provide love, support, transparency, challenge, and accountability.**

### **O = BE “ON MISSION” 24/7**

**Cultivate a mindset to live out Jesus’ love for others through acts of sacrifice as well as service at home, work, play, and church.**

### **COME BEFORE GOD**

In Matthew chapter 4, Jesus was tempted by Satan. Jesus responded by saying “It is written, ‘man shall not live by bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.’”

In light of this verse, what can we be doing to better prepare ourselves for winning against temptation and renewing our minds?

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## DO LIFE IN COMMUNITY

How is living out our Christian lives in community helpful in the transformation process and our discipleship? Besides a small group, what other examples of Christin Community can you think of?

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## BE ON MISSION

What practical steps can we take to protect ourselves and our families from the world's "system" of thinking and decision making?

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### Thinking Locally...

How does today's study apply to Heartland's mission to: "Love God, Love Others, Make Disciples?"

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How can this study speak into the concept of your "praying, investing and inviting" to help Heartland be all that it can be for the Kingdom of God and our community?

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