



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 **ACTED** upon
- **Imperative**- a **COMMAND**
- **Present tense**- it is **CONTINUOUS**
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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 **SEPARATE** from the world's values.

¹⁵"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. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷The 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 **SEDUCE** us from our love for Christ by

PLEASURE, POSSESSIONS, and POSITION.

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

"Be transformed"

- Passive voice- the subject is being ACTED upon
- Imperative - a COMMAND
- Present tense - it is CONTINUOUS

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 WORLD or the WORD?

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)