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		1. The command to renew our minds (Romans 12:2) is to the **Christian**
		2. Renewing your mind means **restoring, and recovering all the thoughts, memories, hurts, failures, offenses, voices, and conclusions of your mind, and getting them ALL in-line with the way Jesus thought about everything! Including all the memories, hurts, offenses that were constantly *thrown against HIM!***
		3. Taking Responsibility for that effort means:
			1. Taking care of your way of thinking, **yourself**! It’s not magic - It’s HARD WORK!
			2. ACTING like an ADULT is supposed to – not like a CHILD (1Cor 13:11)
		4. Remember, what you THINK about, IS who you are, and translates into what you **do** (Pr 23:7)
		5. DON’T pray about renewing your mind, **just start doing it!**
		6. GOD’S PART was Him giving you a new mind to begin with – **have you gotten that yet?**
		7. YOUR PART is Accepting responsibility for renewing your mind. After all, it is YOUR mind!
		8. What are “WE” responsible for? Things we are responsible for without question (Gen 4:8,9):
			1. Our **actions** (Mt 18:5,6) – we all accept this. Our offenses – real offenses / sins against others
			2. Our **attitudes** – Moses was responsible for his own anger (Num 20:10-12)
			3. Our **words** spoken (Mt 12:36,37)
			4. Our **bills/debts** that we get ourselves into (Romans 13:8)
			5. Our **promises** and vows made (Eccl 5:4,5)
			6. AND… Our **thoughts/way of thinking** (2Cor 10:4,5)
	2. **How to Take RESPONSIBILITY for what goes on inside your head**
		1. #1 **Believe** that you CAN be in charge of your thoughts, feelings, conclusions, memories.
		2. #2 **Guard** our mind and don’t fill it with garbage.
		3. #3 **Grow up** in your thinking – think like a mature man or woman (1Cor 13:11)
		4. #4 **Get busy** doing ***necessary things*** to renew your mind that LIFE is constantly messing up!
			1. Mortify what’s wrong in there – put off, dump wrong thoughts, feelings (Col 3:5,6)
			2. Break-down every stronghold (2Cor 10:5)
			3. Clean House – sanctify what you think (Eph 5:26).
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			2. Letting God’s words **FASHION** your mind
			3. **ARMING** yourselves with the very same mind that Christ had (1Peter 4:1,2)
		2. **RELEASE Every Offense You Struggle With, and then *Start Over* with people, all the time!**
			1. By **FORGIVING** every offense, past and present
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