

THE MIND RENEWAL CODE

WHAT IF YOU COULD THINK LIKE JESUS?

Learning to Live from the Mind of Christ

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From Lesson 1 to Lesson 2

In Lesson 1, we learned that mind renewal begins with a turning. God's mercy comes first. We respond by presenting our lives to Him, repentance turns us toward the King, and renewal reshapes the patterns we carry into that new direction. We said it this way: mind renewal begins with a surrendered life.

Now the question moves forward. If I have turned toward the King, what kind of thinking is He forming in me? What does a renewed mind actually look like? Paul answers with a Person: "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5).

Core Idea

Through Holy Spirit, we can learn to share the attitude of Jesus, expressed through humility, service, obedience, and love.

This is not self-improvement. Jesus Christ saves us and makes us new through His grace. We are saved by grace through faith, and mind renewal is not an add-on to salvation. It is learning how to live from the new life we have already been given.

THINKING LIKE JESUS MEANS LETTING HIS WAYS GOVERN MY RESPONSES.

THE MIND OF JESUS BECOMES VISIBLE THROUGH THE CHOICES OF JESUS.

KEY TEXTS

Philippians 2:5-8

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross."

Paul does not describe the mind of Christ with a list of ideas. He describes it through a series of choices.

Philippians 2:9-11

"Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

The One who humbled Himself is the One the Father exalts as Lord.

Romans 8:5-6

"For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."

What governs the mind shapes the direction of the life.

1 Corinthians 2:12, 16

"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God... But we have the mind of Christ."

The mind of Christ is not out of reach. It is part of what God has given us by His Spirit.

Colossians 1:13-14

"He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins."

Kingdom living begins with a transfer of belonging.

Philippians 2:12-13

"...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure."

We actively obey, and God is at work within us, shaping both our desire and our doing.

WHAT GOVERNS THE MIND EVENTUALLY GOVERNS THE LIFE.

1. THE REVELATION

What if you could think like Jesus?

Not just admire Him. Not just quote Him. Think like Him.

• When someone offended you, how would you respond?

• When someone else received recognition, what would happen inside you?

• When you were corrected, would you defend yourself or listen?

• When obedience became costly, what would govern your decision?

Most of us would say we want to be like Jesus. But our reactions often reveal that something else is still running the show. The moment of offense, the flash of jealousy, the defensive answer: those moments show us what is actually governing our thinking.

Paul gives us more than an invitation to admire Jesus. He calls us to share His mindset. And then, in the verses that follow, he shows us that mindset through what Jesus did. Jesus did not only think humble thoughts. He made humble choices. He did not only feel love. He took the form of a servant.

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The question for this lesson is simple and searching: What is governing the way I interpret life and respond to people?

2. THE CODE

In the first lesson of the Kingdom Codes Learning Portal, we described Kingdom Codes as Kingdom Operating Systems, not formulas. That image helps us here.

A computer has an operating system that manages its resources and provides the environment in which its programs run. Some programs require a particular operating system. A program may be useful and well designed, yet fail to function in an incompatible environment. The problem is not the program. The problem is the system it is trying to run on.

For this lesson, we will use two names:

• **WOS (World Operating System):** Life organized around sinful self-rule and the values opposed to God.

• **KOS (Kingdom Operating System):** Life submitted to Jesus and shaped by His truth through Holy Spirit.

These are teaching illustrations for biblical realities, not technical terms from Scripture. But they help us see something important: the ways of Jesus are designed to run in a Kingdom environment. When we try to run His instructions on the old system, they keep crashing.

Here is how God moves us from one system to the other:

CHRIST'S SAVING WORK -> NEW LIFE -> SPIRIT-ENABLED RENEWAL -> TRANSFORMED CONDUCT

1. **Christ's saving work:** Through His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus reconciles us to God.

2. **New life:** We are born again and made new creations in Him.

3. Spirit-enabled renewal: Holy Spirit and the Word reshape how we think, interpret, and desire.

4. **Transformed conduct:** The mind of Christ becomes visible in our everyday responses.

Notice the order. We do not renew our minds to earn new life. We renew our minds because we have received it.

NEW LIFE GIVES US A NEW FOUNDATION. RENEWAL TEACHES US TO LIVE FROM IT.

3. TWO SYSTEMS PRODUCE DIFFERENT RESPONSES

In Romans 8:5-9, Paul contrasts the mind set on the flesh with the mind set on the Spirit. In 1 Corinthians 2:12-16, he distinguishes the spirit of the world from the Spirit who is from God. Both passages teach the same truth: different governing allegiances produce different desires, judgments, and responses.

It helps to be clear about what "world" means here. Scripture does not call creation evil, and it does not condemn ordinary work, family life, or everything in human culture. By "world," we mean the patterns of thinking and living that oppose God. First John 2:16 names them: "the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life."

Watch how the two systems respond to the same situations:

Situation	WOS response	KOS response
Someone offends me	"Make them pay."	"Respond faithfully; pursue forgiveness."
Someone corrects me	"Protect my image."	"Listen and receive what is true."
Someone succeeds	"Their success threatens me."	"I can celebrate their good."
I receive authority	"Use it to secure my importance."	"Use it to serve responsibly."
Obedience costs me	"My comfort decides."	"God's will governs my choice."

The situation is the same in every row. The response is different because the governing system is different.

THE SYSTEM GOVERNING MY HEART INFLUENCES THE RESPONSES COMING OUT OF MY LIFE.

4. THE COMPATIBILITY PROBLEM

Have you ever tried to install a program and received the message, "This application is not compatible with your system"? Many believers experience the spiritual version of that message.

- We try to practice generosity while greed remains our governing value.
- We attempt forgiveness while protecting our perceived right to revenge.
- We pursue unity while making personal superiority our goal.

• We try to serve while still needing to be seen.

Those instructions encounter resistance because they challenge the assumptions beneath our behavior. Generosity crashes against the belief that "more is safety." Forgiveness crashes against the belief that "justice depends on me." Humility crashes against the belief that "my worth depends on being ahead."

I CANNOT CONSISTENTLY PRACTICE THE WAYS OF JESUS WHILE CONTINUALLY DEFENDING THE VALUES HE CONFRONTS.

But difficulty does not automatically mean someone lacks new life. In 1 Corinthians 3:1-3, Paul writes to believers who still display envy and strife: "For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?" He does not tell them they are not saved. He tells them they are not yet living from what they have received. Christians can truly belong to Christ while still needing substantial growth.

That is good news. The struggle is not proof that you are disqualified. It is evidence that the old system is being exposed so the new one can take its place.

5. HOW THE SYSTEM WAS CORRUPTED

To understand why we need renewal, we have to go back to the beginning.

Humanity was created in God's image, called to live in relationship with Him and to represent His rule on the earth (Genesis 1:26-28). We were designed to run on trust in God and life under His word.

In Genesis 3, the serpent's first move was to question that word: "Has God indeed said...?" (Genesis 3:1). Then he questioned God's goodness, suggesting that God was holding something back. The temptation invited humanity to seek wisdom and fulfillment through disobedience instead of through trust.

What followed shows us how the system changed. Adam said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself" (Genesis 3:10). Then came blame: the man blamed the woman, and the woman blamed the serpent.

Before the rupture	What appears after disobedience
Trust in God	Suspicion and disobedience
Openness before God	Hiding
Shared responsibility	Blame
Life under God's instruction	Seeking independence from Him
Peace	Fear and shame

THE TEMPTATION OFFERED A WAY OF LIVING THAT TREATED GOD'S INSTRUCTION AS AN OBSTACLE.

In one sense, sin works like a computer virus. It corrupts the system, spreads, and causes the whole thing to function in ways it was never designed to. Fear, hiding, and blame are still running in human hearts today.

But the illustration has a limit, and it matters. A computer is a passive victim of a virus. We are not. Sin also involves real, chosen disobedience. Romans 5:12 says that "through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned." We inherited a corrupted system, and we have also made our own choices within it. That is why we need more than a patch. We need a Savior.

6. CHRIST PROVIDES THE REMEDY

God's answer to a corrupted system is not a better set of rules. It is His Son.

• **Romans 5:19:** "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one man's obedience many will be made righteous." Where Adam disobeyed, Jesus obeyed.

• **2 Corinthians 5:17:** "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

• **Titus 3:5:** "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit."

• **Ephesians 2:8-10:** We are saved by grace through faith, not by works, and we are "His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works."

• **Colossians 3:10:** We "have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him."

Notice that last verse. The image of God that was damaged in Genesis 3 is being renewed in Christ. Mind renewal is part of God restoring what sin corrupted.

MADE RIGHT WITH GOD THROUGH CHRIST, MADE NEW BY HIS SPIRIT, AND RENEWED TO LIVE HIS WAYS.

7. CHANGING SYSTEMS BEGINS WITH A CHANGE OF LORDSHIP

Colossians 1:13 describes salvation as a transfer: God "has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love." That is the heart of changing systems. It is deeper than adopting a few helpful ideas from Jesus. It is receiving Christ and belonging to His Kingdom.

Jesus told Nicodemus, "Unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). Paul put it personally: "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me" (Galatians 2:20). A new system requires a new birth and a new Lord.

KINGDOM LIVING BEGINS WITH BELONGING TO THE KING.

This connects directly to what we learned in Lesson 1:

• **Surrender:** I offer myself to God.

• **Repentance:** I turn from sin and self-rule toward Him.

• **Faith:** I trust Christ and His saving work.

• **Renewal:** I learn to think and live according to His reign.

For believers, continued renewal means bringing the remaining patterns of the old system into agreement with the Lord we already belong to. We are not trying to get into the Kingdom. We are learning to live like citizens of it.

THE QUESTION BECOMES: DOES THIS RESPONSE AGREE WITH THE KING I FOLLOW?

8. PHILIPPIANS 2 SHOWS US HOW JESUS THINKS

Before we read verses 5-11, notice why Paul wrote them. Verses 1-4 address relationships in the church: unity, love, humility, and concern for others. "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others" (Philippians 2:3-4).

Paul's concern was not theoretical. Later in the letter, he names two women in the church who were in conflict: "I implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord" (Philippians 4:2). These were not enemies of the gospel. Paul says they had "labored with me in the gospel" (Philippians 4:3). They were faithful workers who could not get along.

That detail changes how we read Philippians 2. Paul already asked the church to be "like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind" (Philippians 2:2). The mind of Christ is not only for private devotion. It is for the meeting where you disagree, the ministry team that has tension, the family that has drifted apart, and the business partnership that has grown strained. Paul's answer to conflict between good people is to point them to the way Jesus thinks.

Then Paul points to Jesus as the supreme example. So "thinking like Jesus" in this passage is about our attitude and conduct toward one another. It does not mean possessing all of His knowledge or becoming infallible. It means sharing His posture.

Paul shows that posture through five movements.

A. He Uses His Position to Give (Verses 5-6)

Jesus was "in the form of God." He possessed full divine dignity. Yet He "did not consider it robbery to be equal with God." In other words, He did not treat His equality with God as something to hold onto for His own advantage. His movement was toward self-giving, not self-protection.

Application: How do I use my position, knowledge, resources, or influence? Is it to secure my place, or to serve someone else?

THE MIND OF CHRIST ASKS HOW MY POSITION CAN SERVE ANOTHER PERSON.

B. He Takes the Form of a Servant (Verse 7)

Jesus "made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men." This does not mean Jesus stopped being God. He remained fully God while taking on full humanity. He did not empty Himself by subtracting His deity. He humbled Himself by adding our humanity and taking the lowest place.

Jesus said, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). On the night before the cross, knowing "that the Father had given all things into His hands" (John 13:3), He took a towel and washed His disciples' feet. Security in who He was freed Him to serve. Then He said, "For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you" (John 13:15).

THINKING LIKE JESUS MAKES SERVICE A WILLING EXPRESSION OF LOVE.

C. He Humbles Himself (Verse 8)

"He humbled Himself." No one forced Jesus down the lowly path. He chose it.

Humility is not thinking poorly of yourself. It includes freedom from needing every interaction to establish your superiority. Jesus described Himself as "gentle and lowly in heart" (Matthew 11:29), and He offered rest to all who would learn from Him. Pride is exhausting. Humility is restful.

John Chrysostom, preaching on this passage, noticed that Paul taught humility by pointing to Christ, and he stressed that the humbling was voluntary: "And he is lowly minded who humbles himself, not he who is lowly by necessity."

Source: John Chrysostom, Homily 6 on Philippians. https://www.newadvent.org/fathers/230206.htm

A CHRISTLIKE MIND CAN HONOR ANOTHER PERSON WITHOUT FEELING DIMINISHED.

D. He Obeys When Obedience Is Costly (Verse 8)

Jesus "became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross." In Gethsemane, He prayed, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done" (Luke 22:42). Hebrews 5:8 says, "though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered."

We are called to share His obedient heart. At the same time, we recognize that His death is unique. Only Jesus could die for the sins of the world. We do not repeat the cross; we follow the One who carried it.

THE MIND OF CHRIST LETS THE FATHER'S WILL GOVERN THE COSTLY DECISION.

E. His Exaltation Leads to the Father's Glory (Verses 9-11)

"Therefore God also has highly exalted Him." The passage ends with every knee bowing and every tongue confessing "that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Notice who does the exalting. Jesus humbled Himself; the Father exalted Him. Our application is faithful obedience and freedom from self-promotion: "Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time" (1 Peter 5:6). These verses are not a promise that every humble believer will receive earthly prominence. They are a promise that God sees, God is faithful, and the final word belongs to Him.

I CAN BE FAITHFUL WITHOUT CONTROLLING THE RECOGNITION.

9. PETER: REVELATION WITHOUT FORMATION

Peter gives us one of the clearest pictures of the compatibility problem in all of Scripture.

In Matthew 16, Jesus asks, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answers, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:15-16). Jesus tells him that this did not come from flesh and blood, "but My Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 16:17). Peter has received genuine revelation.

A few verses later, Jesus begins explaining that He must suffer, be killed, and be raised on the third day. Peter takes Him aside and rebukes Him: "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!" Jesus turns and says, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men" (Matthew 16:22-23).

Look at that phrase: "not mindful of the things of God." Peter had the right answer about who Jesus is, but he was still running the old system about how Jesus works. In Peter's thinking, the Messiah wins by avoiding suffering. In the Kingdom, the Messiah wins through the cross. Jesus then teaches all of them, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me" (Matthew 16:24).

PETER RECEIVED REVELATION ABOUT JESUS WHILE STILL NEEDING CORRECTION ABOUT THE WAYS OF JESUS.

This is why receiving truth and being formed by truth must work together. You can know the right answer and still react from the wrong system. Revelation opens the door. Renewal walks us through it. And the good news is that the same Peter later wrote, "Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God" (1 Peter 5:6). The man Jesus corrected became a man who learned to think like Him.

10. MORE EXAMPLES OF THE COMPATIBILITY PROBLEM

Scripture gives us many people who loved God, or wanted His power, while still carrying assumptions from the old system.

Example	Governing assumption exposed	Kingdom lesson
James and John (Luke 9:51-56)	Rejection should be answered with destruction	Jesus rebukes their call for fire from heaven
Simon (Acts 8:18-23)	Spiritual authority can be bought with money	Peter exposes the need for repentance in Simon's heart
Paul (Philippians 3:4-11)	Religious credentials establish his standing	Paul counts his gains as loss for Christ
Peter (Acts 10:28, 34-35)	Inherited distinctions decide whom he can receive	God teaches him that He "shows no partiality"

In every case, the problem is not a lack of zeal. It is a governing assumption that does not match the mind of Christ. And in every case, God's correction is an invitation to be renewed.

11. PARABLES THAT EXPOSE THE GOVERNING MINDSET

Jesus often told stories that pulled back the curtain on the system running underneath people's behavior. Each one asks us a question.

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector (Luke 18:9-14)

Jesus told this parable "to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others." The Pharisee compares himself to others. The tax collector stands at a distance and prays, "God, be merciful to me a sinner!" Jesus says it was the tax collector who went home justified.

Question: Am I approaching God through self-congratulation or through dependence on His mercy?

The Vineyard Workers (Matthew 20:1-16)

The workers hired first resent the landowner's generosity toward those who arrived late. The landowner asks, "Or is your eye evil because I am good?" (Matthew 20:15).

Question: Can I celebrate generosity when someone else benefits?

The Unforgiving Servant (Matthew 18:21-35)

A servant is forgiven a debt he could never repay, then refuses to forgive a small debt owed to him. The master asks, "Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?" (Matthew 18:33).

Question: Has the mercy I received begun governing the mercy I extend?

The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

A lawyer asks, "And who is my neighbor?" hoping to limit his responsibility. Jesus tells a story and turns the question around: who acted as a neighbor? "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus says, "Go and do likewise."

Question: Does my thinking help me love, or help me explain why I can pass by?

THE PARABLES DO NOT ONLY TELL STORIES. THEY EXPOSE SYSTEMS.

12. HOLY SPIRIT FORMS THE MIND OF CHRIST IN US

If the mind of Christ depended only on our effort, this lesson would be discouraging. None of us can produce the humility, service, obedience, and love of Jesus by trying harder. But Paul says in 1 Corinthians 2:12 that we have received "the Spirit who is from God," and in verse 16 he concludes, "we have the mind of Christ." The mind of Christ is given and formed by the Spirit of Christ.

Jesus promised this before He went to the cross: "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you" (John 14:26). And again, "when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13).

Notice three things Holy Spirit does in these verses:

- **He teaches:** He helps us understand what Jesus said and how it applies.
- **He reminds:** In the moment of offense or temptation, He brings the words of Jesus back to mind.
- **He guides:** He leads us into truth, step by step, as we follow.

This is why the renewed mind is not only about information. It is about relationship. Holy Spirit is present in the very moments when the old system tries to take over. When you feel the flash of anger and suddenly

remember, "Repay no one evil for evil" (Romans 12:17), that is not an accident. That is the Helper doing what Jesus promised.

Our part is to cooperate. Paul describes it as "bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5). We do not have to let every thought that arrives stay and settle in. We can notice it, bring it to Jesus, and ask, "Does this agree with You?" Over time, the thoughts we keep surrendering lose their grip, and the truth we keep receiving becomes our new default.

THE MIND OF CHRIST IS FORMED BY THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST.

13. FEED THE NEW SYSTEM

Every operating system responds to the input it receives. What we repeatedly take in shapes what we repeatedly think, and what we repeatedly think shapes how we respond.

Paul writes to the same church, "Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy, meditate on these things" (Philippians 4:8). Then he adds, "The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you" (Philippians 4:9).

That gives us two parts of feeding the new system:

1. **Meditate:** Fill your mind with what is true, noble, just, pure, lovely, and praiseworthy.

2. **Do:** Put into practice what you have learned, received, heard, and seen.

Many believers want the mind of Christ while feeding the old system all day long: hours of outrage, comparison, gossip, fear, and content that celebrates the very values Jesus confronts. Then they wonder why their reactions still sound like the world. The issue is not that God is unwilling to renew them. It is that the input keeps reinforcing the old patterns.

Take an honest inventory of your inputs:

• What do I listen to on the drive to work?

• What fills my screen in the last hour before I sleep?

• Which conversations leave me more like Jesus, and which leave me less like Him?

• How much of the Word do I take in compared with everything else?

This is not about fear or legalism. It is about wisdom. A small change, such as reading Philippians 2 each morning for a week or replacing one hour of noise with worship and Scripture, can make a real difference in the thoughts that come to the surface under pressure.

WHAT I FEED MY MIND, MY MIND WILL FEED MY RESPONSES.

14. TUNE YOUR RESPONSES TO THE MIND OF CHRIST

How does the mind of Christ actually take shape in us? Here we need to be careful with our illustration. Holy Spirit is not software. He is a living, divine Person who teaches, convicts, comforts, and empowers us. "Programming" is simply our picture for the repeated formation God uses: Scripture, prayer, community, and obedience.

Use these six steps when you notice a reaction that does not look like Jesus:

Step	Practice	Supporting Scripture
Surrender	Offer the situation and your response to God	Romans 12:1-2
Identify	Name the belief beneath your reaction	Psalm 139:23-24
Compare	Examine it against Jesus' teaching and example	Philippians 2:3-8
Replace	Receive the truth and put away the contrary pattern	Ephesians 4:22-32
Practice	Take one concrete act of obedience	Philippians 4:8-9; James 1:22
Return	Pray, confess failure, and keep walking by the Spirit	John 15:4-5; Galatians 5:16, 25

SURRENDER -> IDENTIFY -> COMPARE -> REPLACE -> PRACTICE -> RETURN

Philippians 2:12-13 keeps this practice grounded. We "work out" our salvation, which means we actively obey. But we are not doing it alone, "for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure." He gives us the desire and the ability. Our part is to cooperate.

I DO THE OBEYING. GOD SUPPLIES THE WILLING AND THE DOING.

15. PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

Here is what the six steps can look like in two common situations.

Example One: Responding to Correction

• **Reaction:** "They are questioning me. I need to defend myself."

• **Underlying belief:** "Admitting a mistake threatens my worth."

• **Truth to receive:** My standing in Christ is secure, so I can acknowledge a mistake and grow.

• **Action:** Listen, ask a clarifying question, acknowledge what is accurate, and make the correction.

• **Prayer:** "Holy Spirit, help me respond with the humility of Jesus."

Example Two: When Someone Else Is Recognized

• **Reaction:** "Why them and not me? I work harder."

• **Underlying belief:** "Someone else's success takes something away from me."

• **Truth to receive:** God is generous, and His kindness to another does not reduce His care for me (Matthew 20:15).

• **Action:** Congratulate the person sincerely, and thank God for what He is doing in them.

• **Prayer:** "Father, free me from comparison. Let me rejoice with those who rejoice."

Example Three: When Someone Offends You

• **Reaction:** "They disrespected me. I need to put them in their place."

• **Underlying belief:** "If I do not defend myself, no one will, and I will look weak."

• **Truth to receive:** Jesus, "when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously" (1 Peter 2:23). I can entrust my reputation and my justice to God.

• **Action:** Pause before responding. If a conversation is needed, have it calmly and privately. Refuse to repay evil for evil, and look for one way to "overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:21).

• **Prayer:** "Lord, I give You my right to get even. Help me respond the way Jesus did."

None of these examples requires a dramatic moment. They all happen at work, at home, and at church every week. That is exactly where the mind of Christ is formed.

THE MIND OF CHRIST IS FORMED IN ORDINARY MOMENTS.

CHRIST AT THE CENTER

We are not trying to think like Jesus so that God will accept us. We are learning to think like Jesus because, through faith in Him, God already has. Jesus is not only our example. He is our Savior. His obedience covers our disobedience, His death paid for our sin, and His resurrection gives us new life.

If you have never received that new life, the invitation is open. Turn from your sin, trust Jesus as your Savior, and receive Him as your King. Romans 10:9 says, "if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Then tell a pastor or a trusted believer so they can walk with you.

WE DO NOT THINK LIKE JESUS TO BECOME HIS. WE THINK LIKE JESUS BECAUSE WE ARE HIS.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Many believers love Jesus but still run their reactions on the old system. They are saved, but their responses are governed by fear, comparison, pride, or self-protection. The result is frustration: "Why do I keep reacting this way?"

The Mind Renewal Code answers that question. The goal is not only to know about Jesus, but to share His posture: humility instead of superiority, service instead of self-promotion, obedience instead of comfort, and love instead of retaliation. When that mind takes shape in us, our homes, businesses, conversations, and use of authority begin to change.

WHEN THE SYSTEM CHANGES, THE RESPONSES CHANGE.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Use this seven-day practice to begin tuning your responses to the mind of Christ:

1. **Day 1:** Read Philippians 2:1-11 slowly. Write down the five movements of Jesus.
2. **Day 2:** Review the WOS and KOS table. Circle the row that describes you most often.
3. **Day 3:** Pray Psalm 139:23-24 and ask Holy Spirit to show you the belief beneath that reaction.
4. **Day 4:** Read Matthew 16:13-25. Where have you known the right answer but resisted the way of Jesus?
5. **Day 5:** Choose one of the four parables and answer its question honestly.

6. **Day 6:** Take an honest inventory of your inputs. Replace one hour of noise with Scripture, worship, or prayer, and practice one act of hidden service that no one will see or thank you for.

7. **Day 7:** Walk one real situation from this week through the six steps: surrender, identify, compare, replace, practice, return.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What reaction in my life most clearly reveals the old system still running?

2. Where am I trying to practice the ways of Jesus while defending the values He confronts?

3. How do I use my position, knowledge, or influence: to secure myself or to serve others?

4. Can I honor another person without feeling diminished?

5. Where have I received revelation about Jesus but still need correction about His ways?

6. Has the mercy I received begun governing the mercy I extend?

7. Is there a relationship, like Euodia and Syntyche's, where I need to share the mind of Christ with someone I disagree with?

8. What am I feeding my mind each day, and is it strengthening the old system or the new one?

ONE QUESTION

Which of my reactions most needs to be brought under the mind of Christ?

ONE ACTION STEP

Identify one recurring reaction, name the belief beneath it, and practice the response of Jesus the next time that situation comes up this week.

DECLARATION

I have been made right with God through Christ, made new by His Spirit, and I am being renewed to live His ways.

I have been delivered from the power of darkness and brought into the Kingdom of the Son.

I have the mind of Christ.

I use my position to serve. I take the posture of a servant. I can honor others without feeling diminished.

When obedience is costly, the Father's will governs my decision.

I can be faithful without controlling the recognition.

When I react from the old system, I will surrender, identify, compare, replace, practice, and return.

Jesus Christ is my center, Scripture is my foundation, and Holy Spirit is my guide.

I am moving from revelation to representation.

CLOSING PRAYER

Father, thank You for making me new through Jesus Christ. By Your Spirit, teach me to live from that new life.

Expose the assumptions in me that resist Your ways. Form in me the humility, love, service, and obedience I see in Jesus.

Help me receive correction, extend mercy, and serve without needing recognition.

Let the mind of Christ become visible in my daily responses, at home, at work, and in every conversation, to Your glory.

In Jesus' name, amen.

YOUR NEXT STEP

In Lesson 1, we turned toward the King. In Lesson 2, we saw the mind He wants to form in us. In the lessons ahead, we will keep building on this foundation as we learn how renewed thinking becomes renewed practice and how a renewed mind comes to represent Jesus in everyday life.

THE ONE WHO TURNED TOWARD THE KING NOW LEARNS TO THINK LIKE HIM.

[NEXT LESSON: THE MIND RENEWAL CODE, LESSON 3]

RELATED CODES

THE TURNING

Mind renewal begins with a surrendered life.

[EXPLORE]

WHAT IS A KINGDOM CODE?

Understand Kingdom Codes as Kingdom Operating Systems.

[EXPLORE]

KINGDOM SYSTEMS & STRUCTURES

Learn how systems produce repeated outcomes.

[EXPLORE]

IDENTITY IN CHRIST

Learn to think from who God says you are.

[EXPLORE]

WHAT KEEPS RECURRING CAN BE RESTRUCTURED

Rebuild the systems that keep producing the same results.

[EXPLORE]

TAKE HOME POINT

THINKING LIKE JESUS MEANS LETTING HIS WAYS GOVERN MY RESPONSES.

Two systems produce two kinds of responses.

The old system protects, compares, and retaliates. The Kingdom system serves, honors, and obeys.

CHRIST'S SAVING WORK -> NEW LIFE -> SPIRIT-ENABLED RENEWAL -> TRANSFORMED CONDUCT

You do not need to fix every reaction today.

Choose one reaction. Name the belief beneath it. Practice the response of Jesus.

WHAT IS RUNNING YOUR RESPONSES?

Discover the Kingdom Code you need.

Apply it. Move forward.

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