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"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

Rom. 12:2

I. Do Not Conformed

- A. "Conformed" = *syschematizo* = to be squeezed in a mold or pressed into a shape (*schema*)
- B. To choose to fit into a way of thinking, values, agenda, and mindset
- C. Paul writes, "Do not be conformed to this world" – present imperative (command)
- D. "of this world" = *aion* – this age or system of our age - Mainstream
 - 1. "Do not love the world" – I John 2:15 - 17
 - 2. "The course of this world" – Eph. 2:2
 - 3. "Friendship with the world is enmity with God" – Jam. 4:4
- E. Examples of conformist and nonconformist in the Bible

II. But Be Transformed

- A. The great contrast in imperatives – "Transformed" – *metamorphoo* = to be radically changed in form (Matt. 17:2)
- B. The great center of transformation is the mind!
- C. The key to transformation is the "renewing" (*anakainosis* = a complete renovation) of our worldview
- D. Three Biblical statements about our minds:
 - 1. "Love God with our ... minds" (Matt. 22:37)
 - 2. "...in the futility of their thinking" (Eph. 4:17 – 24)
 - 3. "renewal by the Holy Spirit" (Tit. 3:5)
- E. Therefore a Biblical worldview must be established in our minds – Upstream Living

III. In Order To Prove

- A. Do you want to know what God's will is? "Test and approve" = *dokimazo* = discern what fits
- B. God's will (*thelema* = God's plan according to His word)
- C. Our lives will demonstrate the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God to others
- D. As we live upstream in the world we demonstrate the character and love of God to the world
 - 1. Is this not what Israel was called to do?
 - 2. Is this not what Jesus did?
 - 3. is this not what Jesus' disciples are to do?