

To see the power of right believing in your daily life, you need to be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Right believing is all about renewing your mind and uprooting the wrong beliefs that shape your thinking and behaviour. That's why the Word of God says: "Don't copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think." (Romans 12:2) God wants to change the way we think by shifting our thoughts from self-occupation to Christ-occupation. Our human tendency is to be focused on ourselves. We are prone to excessive self-introspection, and are easily susceptible to becoming preoccupied with ourselves rather than with Jesus.

Many of our greatest pains, struggles, failures, and miseries stem from us being "I" centered. We become engrossed with thoughts such as: "Have I done enough?", "What is wrong with *me*?" etc. Unfortunately, when we become overly occupied with self, we become obsessed, oppressed, and inevitably depressed. Is your mind filled constantly with thoughts of how you have failed, how you have missed it, and how unworthy you are? That is symptomatic of someone who is clearly self-occupied. Thoughts like that cause a person to develop an inferiority complex. People who suffer from this are ever ready to condemn themselves. Their minds are clouded with negativity and pessimism. But self-occupation can also manifest at the other end of the pendulum's swing as a superiority complex. There are people who think they are always better than everyone else. They are painfully arrogant, and they think their perspectives and opinions are always right. Whether you are feeling superior or inferior, your focus is still on yourself, and in the end that causes you great pain, misery, and heartache.

Only in Christ will you experience true transformation, and walk neither in pride nor in false humility. When you are Christ-occupied, the flesh in you becomes inconsequential, and you begin manifesting all the lovely, wholesome, and beautiful attributes of Jesus unconsciously. The fruit of the Spirit, such as love, joy, peace, and kindness, flow through you effortlessly when your mind is renewed and occupied with the person of Jesus. It's an inevitability, because you cannot touch His grace and not become holy, any more than you can touch water and not get wet.

Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."