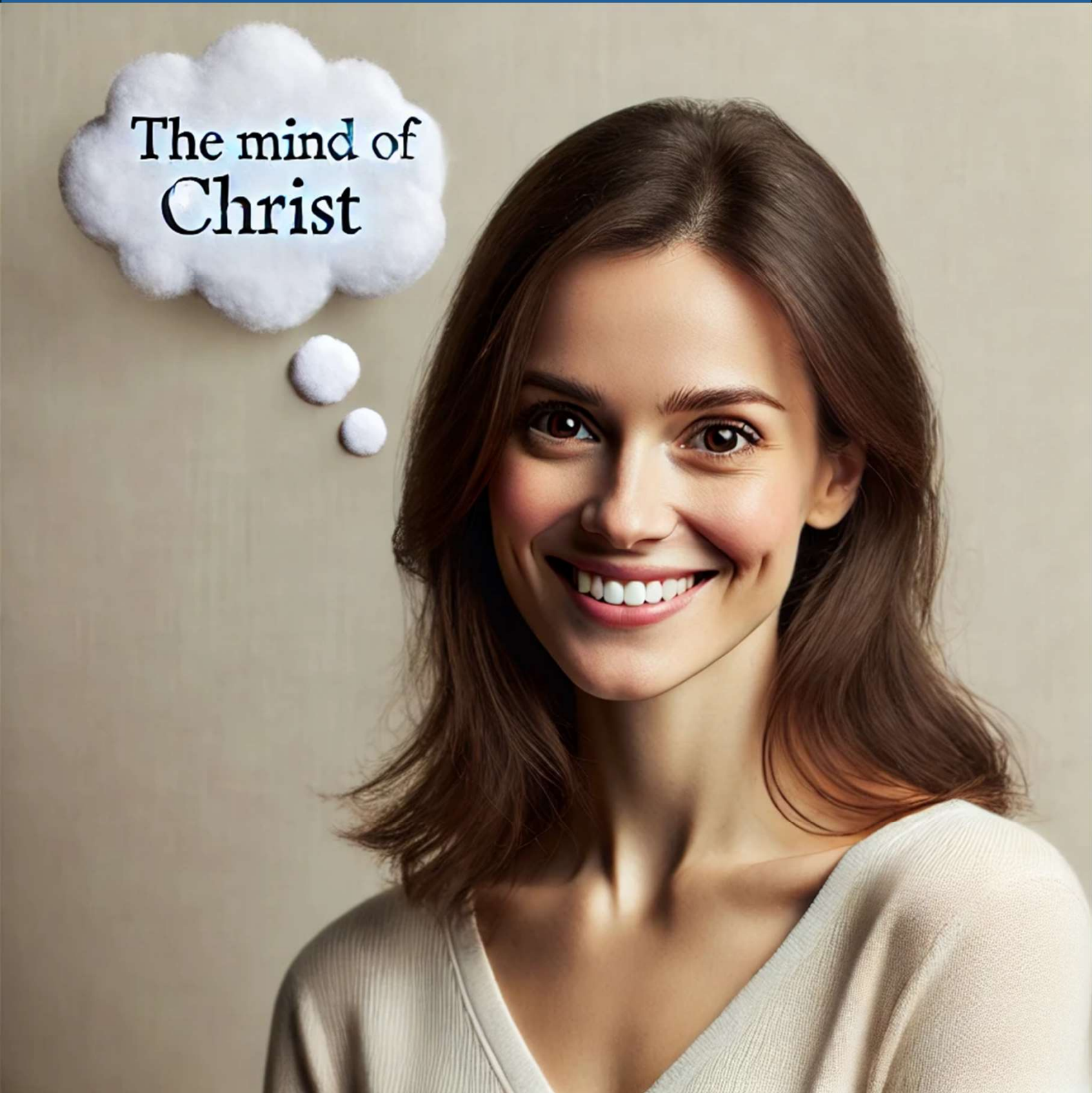


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How To Have...

A woman with long, wavy brown hair is smiling warmly at the camera. She is wearing a light-colored, possibly cream or white, V-neck top. Above her head is a large, white, fluffy thought bubble. Inside the thought bubble, the text "The mind of Christ" is written in a black, serif font. Two smaller, white, fluffy circles lead from the bottom of the large bubble towards the woman's head.

The mind of
Christ

WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

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Time to rise.

Time to have the mind of Christ

“Rise up My daughters, be ye transformed.”
Into what you might ask?

As was stated in this month's word of encouragement we are to follow the instructions given in Romans 12:2.

The word of God tells us; “And do not be conformed to this world, but be **transformed** by the **renewing** of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

We are to renew our minds, why? Because we do not think or act like our Heavenly Father (naturally).

Isaiah 55:8-9

(8) “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways saith the Lord. (9) For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

When we back up to Romans 12:1 it gives us clues as to what we are to do.

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that **you present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

Here is a definition of the word **sacrifice**: an act of slaughtering an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to God or to a divine or supernatural figure.

So, what is it to be a living sacrifice?

In the Old Testament, priests would offer living animals as sacrifices to God, presenting them on the altar as part of their worship.

Here in Romans 12 Paul reminds us that God desires something even greater: for us to become living sacrifices ourselves.

That this is a far more meaningful offering. We also know that even under the Old Covenant, God valued obedience more highly than any animal sacrifice.

“And Samuel said, “Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has also rejected you from being king.”

1 Samuel 15:22-23 ESV

“In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

Then I said, “Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me: I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.”

Psalms 40:6-8 ESV

Our Father calls us to set aside our own desires daily, dedicating ourselves to Him and living according to His ways.

Our goal should be to avoid vanity and self-centeredness, instead we are to humbly serve others with the gifts we have been given (Romans 12:3-8).

Our love should be genuine, not just for show. We are to strive to reflect the love that Jesus showed us (Romans 12:9).

We must reject evil, hold fast to what is good, and serve others according to their needs not what works best for us.

Unlike the one-time physical offerings made by the priest of old in the temples of Jerusalem, ladies we are called to offer ourselves daily in service to God. We are to love others, setting aside any selfish desires.

Our focus should be on blessing and benefiting others by living according to God's ways. When we sacrifice this way, we become more like God.

Matthew 5:48 “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.”



Ladies we are the beloved of God,
His Treasures. As such let us take on His
characteristics.

Let us be transformed by the renewing
of our minds!

~ When we aspire to take on the characteristics of our Heavenly Father we will become the Holy, Royal, and Peculiar Bride without spot or wrinkle that He is coming back for!
~ Here are a few characteristics of God.

- * Righteous
- * Loving
- * Holy
- * Merciful
- * Good
- * Faithful
- * Truthful
- * Powerful

**SEE YOU NEXT
MONTH LADIES**



A living sacrifice to God is someone who resists conforming to the patterns of this world and instead undergoes transformation. When Paul speaks of "the world," he refers to the prevailing mindset that opposes God and His truth. As unbelievers, we naturally align with this worldview (Ephesians 2:1–3). But as believers, we no longer conform to it because we have been transferred from the realm of darkness into the kingdom of God's beloved Son (Colossians 1:13). Therefore, instead of conforming to the ways of this world, we are called to be transformed by the renewal of our minds.