

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

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.

Renewing your _____ is learning to see the world the way God sees the world so when He asks us to do something it makes more sense.

"When we see as God sees, we will be more inclined to do as God says."
-Andy Stanley

1. I want my kids to be _____ to God, not to me.

2. I want my kids to want to be my _____ when they are adults.

0-1: _____ year
1-5: _____ years
5-12: _____ years
12-18: _____ years
18+: _____ years

3. I want my kids to be the same people in _____ and in _____.

4. I want my kids to _____ someone like their mom.

Proverbs 18:22

The man who finds a wife finds a treasure, and he receives favor from the Lord.

LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION NOTES

Proverbs 13:20 Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble.

Proverbs 22:24-25 ²⁴ Don't befriend angry people or associate with hot-tempered people, ²⁵ or you will learn to be like them and endanger your soul.

1 Corinthians 15:33 Don't be fooled by those who say such things, for "bad company corrupts good character."

2 Corinthians 6:14 Don't team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness?

Psalms 1:1 Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.

1. What are some warning signs you can look for to determine if you should develop a relationship with someone? How should parents decide if their children should develop a relationship with someone?

2. How do you end a relationship with someone you know you shouldn't be in a relationship with? If you have kids, what are you doing to teach your kids who to associate with, and what should we do when our kids make friends with people we know will have a negative influence on them?

1 Corinthians 5:11 I meant that you are not to associate with anyone who claims to be a believer yet indulges in sexual sin, or is greedy, or worships idols, or is abusive, or is a drunkard, or cheats people. Don't even eat with such people.

3. How can we know where the line is between being in the world and being of the world? How do we follow Christ's example of eating with sinners and Paul's instruction not to eat with hypocrites?

4. How can the church and Christian parents partner to help kids become who they were meant to be? What must the church do to help parents teach their children?

5. If you have time, without gossiping or giving names, talk about some of your or your kids' friendships that need to be strategically developed and some friendships that need to be ended. Why do they need to be developed or ended?

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