BE NOT CONFORMED

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:2

Introduction:
1. The world tries to persuade others to conform through peer pressure.
2. Spiritual success demands transformation.

I. REASONS NOT TO CONFORM:
   A. GOD WANTS US TO BE DISTINCT
      1. Days of Samuel -1Sa 8:4
      2. Our days -1Pe 2:9, 10
   B. WE WOULD BE AT ENMITY WITH GOD -Ja 4:1-ff
   C. LOVE OF THE FATHER WOULD NOT BE IN US -1Jn 2:15-17
   D. WE WOULD BE ON THE BROAD PATH -Mt 7:13, 14
   E. THE WORLD IS PASSING AWAY -2Pe 3:10-13

II. WE MUST BE TRANSFORMED
   A. RENEW YOUR MIND
      1. Belief -from the heart; seen in our actions
      2. Desire -Focus turned from the world, unto God
         a. E.g. -Paul
         b. E.g. -Ruth
      3. Purpose -is living to please God
         a. Make known manifold wisdom of God -Ep 3:10
         b. We live to glorify God -Is 43:7
   B. PROVING THE WILL OF GOD
      1. The flesh goes in one direction -Pr 14:12; Ga 5:16-ff
      2. We must know and follow His will -He 5:14

Conclusion:
1. The world will constantly try to persuade us to conform.
2. The world will think it strange that we do not -1Pe 4:4
3. The world will hate us because we follow God -Jn 15:18-20
4. At the very end, only one thing matters; hearing Jesus say, “Well done!”

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