

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!"