

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship.

² Do not conform any longer 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.

Ephesians 6:17a (NIV)

¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation ...

1) The helmet of salvation

1 Thessalonians 5:8 (NIV)

⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

2) Being transformed

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

² Do not conform any longer 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.

3) Renewing our minds

Ephesians 4:23 (NIV)

²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds;

Ephesians 4:23 (NASB77)

²³ and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

4) Softening our hearts

Ephesians 4:17-18 (NIV)

¹⁷ So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.