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**ONAOMI'S TABLE 2016**

**Day 11: Ephesians 4:17-24 Your Mind: Futile or Renewed?**

**Read Romans 1:18-23, 28.** According to this passage, is any man able to claim ignorance before God? What has God done to remove this excuse? When they refuse to acknowledge God, what happened to their thinking? What example(s) does Paul give here of ways in which this is evident? What does verse 28 tell us about the direction of their thinking?

**Read Romans 12:1-21.** How are we to present ourselves? What is that in contrast with? What are we not to be conformed to? Where is our transformation? What purpose are gifts within the body? Underline or list the gifts that Paul mentions in verses 6-8. List the "positive" admonitions that Paul gives as marks of the believer in verses 9-21. (I count 22 ish) List the "negative" admonitions Paul gives (the "do not"s). (I count 6) Which of these are things that you have seen God growing in your life? Which are things that you perhaps see the need to repent and strive for Him more?

**Read Romans 13:13-14.** What does Paul warn us to put on here? What does Paul warn us not to engage in? What does he contrast that with?

**Read 2 Corinthians 10:4-6.** What type of war are we engaged in? What are we to do with our thoughts? What is Christ preparing (or ready) to do?

As you spend time with God today, ask Him to help you to see where your mind has been renewed in Him and seeks and desires the things that He desires. Ask Him to increase those desires in you and ask Him to help you to see where your mind is still futile and needs correcting. Repent of those and ask Him to help you to take your thoughts captive and be obedient to Christ, not to your own desires and not to what the world advocates.