

INFORMATION – APPLICATION – TRANSFORMATION

PART ONE

Romans 12:1, 2 – *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. ²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

INFORMATION

Information [Dictionary] – knowledge communicated or received concerning a particular fact or circumstance; knowledge gained through study, communication, research, etc.; data.

II Timothy 3:16, 17 [AMP] – *Every scripture is God-breathed (given by His inspiration) and is profitable for instruction, for reproof and conviction of sin, for correction of error and discipline in obedience, [and] for training in righteousness (in holy living, in conformity to God’s will in thought, purpose and action), ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be complete and proficient, well fitted and thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

- **Profitable** – advantageous; from a root meaning to heap up, accumulate or benefit.
- **Instruction** [NKJV: *doctrine*] – to impart instruction.

I Corinthians 8:1 – *Now concerning things offered to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies.*

- **“knowledge”** – GNOSIS; applies chiefly to the apprehension of truths.
 - **Root:** GINOSKO; A knowledge grounded on personal experience.
- **“puffs up”** – to inflate, blow up, to cause to swell up; to make proud; to bear one’s self loftily.

Mark 4:13-25 – *“And He said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? ¹⁴“The sower sows the word. ¹⁵“And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts. ¹⁶“These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness; ¹⁷“and they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word’s sake, immediately they stumble. ¹⁸“Now these are the ones sown among thorns; they are the ones who hear the word, ¹⁹“and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in*

choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. ²⁰*“But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.”* ²¹*Also He said to them, “Is a lamp brought to be put under a basket or under a bed? Is it not to be set on a lampstand?”* ²²*For there is nothing hidden which will not be revealed, nor has anything been kept secret but that it should come to light.* ²³*“If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.”* ²⁴*Then He said to them, “Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given.* ²⁵*“For whoever has, to him more will be given; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.”*

- **Vs. 15** – “**wayside**” = a traveled way, a road; metaphorically, a course of conduct; a way of thinking, feeling or deciding.
- **Vs. 16, 17** – “**stony ground**” = (One Greek word) ground full of rocks.
 - “**tribulation**” – THLIPSIS; pressure.
 - “**persecution**” – from to root, to cause to run or flee.
- **Vs. 18, 19** – “**thorns**” = Giant thistles, growing to the height of a man on horseback, frequently spread over regions once rich and fruitful,... and many of the most interesting historic spots and ruins are rendered almost inaccessible by thickets of fiercely-armed buckthorns. [Smith’s Bible Dictionary]
 - “**cares of this world**” – anxious cares, distracting thoughts, associated with this age.
 - “**deceitfulness of riches**” – the seduction of things.
 - “**desires for other things**” – strong desires, especially for forbidden things.
- **Vs. 20** – “**good ground**” = [KALOS] those who have dealt with blockages and wrong desires and continue to hear and progress.
- **Vs. 23** – “**ears to hear**” = or, that continue to hear.
- **Vs. 24** – “**Take heed what you hear**” = everything we hear affects us. [Luke 8:18 – “**take heed how you hear**”]
- **Vs. 25** – “**more will be given**” = those who have ears that continue to hear, will get more revelation. Those who don’t will lose the revelation they had.

Information:

- We need it, just as a fire needs fuel.
- It’s not an end-all in itself.