

in His grace

BIBLE READING PLAN / MARCH 2021

Renewal





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Renewal

Most people wait for the new year, a new month, a new week, or another day to start something new. When the calendar flips from one year to the next, this is when people gear up to make changes. Hoping these changes will be lifelong. A fresh start, if you will. A new year, new you. Some only make it a few weeks, some a few months, others not even a day. Why, though? Why can't we seem to stick out the renewal process?

Why did I decide to wait until March to talk about renewal, when most others talk about this at the beginning of the year? I waited because Spring is the time when God says this is the renewal of a new season, a time for life to being anew. Spring brings along with it, flowers in bloom and their sweet fragrance. The trees get back their color. The sun shines even brighter in the sky. The crispness of the air thaws a little. The warmth returns.

The bird's chirp and the creatures of this earth move about with an energy not seen in months. It felt fitting to me to wait for this season of renewal to talk about renewal.

I think some can't stick it out because we go about it the wrong way. We start too fast, with no preparation, no concept of how we are to execute our plan. Most of the time when we want to start something, we plan it out. A game plan, if you will. We put together an outline of what it is going to look like. An itinerary of what we plan to do. Romans 12:2 says that we should not conform to the world, but instead, we are to be transformed by the renewal of our minds. *"Do not conform 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."*



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How do we renew our minds? Renewal needs to start with the Word of God. Filling our minds with God's truth, His Word. We do this by studying the Word of God.

Researching, learning, gleaning, gathering, praying, listening, and doing. Because our transformation starts with our minds. When our minds are filled with God, true and lasting transformation occurs.

Once we can wrap our minds around who God is, what His truths are, then we can transfer this over to other areas of our lives. As the saying goes, it's mind over matter. If we put our minds to it, we can do it. This is true, yes, but let's take it a step further. With God ALL things are possible, and if we renew our minds daily with who He is, we can achieve the goal that we have set before us.

With God's Word guiding and leading us, wonderful, amazing things can and will happen.

Renewal is something that we should always strive for. It's something that we shouldn't have to wait for a certain time of year. It doesn't matter when we start the renewal process. It only matters that we start.

Love
Michele Arnold



"DO NOT CONFORM 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."
ROMANS 12:2 NIV

Digging deeper

What it means to dig deeper.

Read: Read the Bible verse of the day. Don't forget that when you read a Bible verse, you also need to look at the context surrounding it.

Cross-reference: Reference another text or part of a text, typically given in order to elaborate on a point.

Research: Look further into what the Bible verse means. Is there an overarching theme throughout the Scriptures? Is it a timeless teaching, meaning does it transcend time? Or is it a cultural concession, meaning was it meant specifically for the time it was written. Then identify how you are to apply this to your own life.

Meditate: Filling your mind with God's Word. Thinking about what you just read and learned.

Write: Write out questions or thoughts about what you just read and learned. Any prayer requests or praise reports that you have.

Pray: Speak with God. Communicate with Him, don't just talk to Him. Praying is communication with the Lord. Prayer is not only asking God for things, but praising Him for what He has done, for what He will do, and what He chooses to do. And don't forget to pray the Scriptures.

Listen: Take time to sit and listen to the Lord's response to your prayers.

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Digging Deeper

SO PREPARE YOUR MINDS FOR ACTION AND EXERCISE SELF-CONTROL.
PUT ALL YOUR HOPE IN THE GRACIOUS SALVATION THAT WILL COME
TO YOU WHEN JESUS CHRIST IS REVEALED TO THE WORLD.

1 PETER 1:13 NLT

Digging Deeper

CREATE IN ME A PURE HEART, O GOD, AND RENEW A
STEADFAST SPIRIT WITHIN ME
PSALM 51:10 NIV

Digging Deeper

AND HAVE PUT ON THE NEW SELF, WHICH IS BEING RENEWED IN
KNOWLEDGE IN THE IMAGE OF ITS CREATOR.
COLOSSIANS 3:10 NIV

Digging Deeper

LET US GO RIGHT INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD WITH SINCERE HEARTS FULLY TRUSTING HIM. FOR OUR GUILTY CONSCIENCES HAVE BEEN SPRINKLED WITH CHRIST'S BLOOD TO MAKE US CLEAN, AND OUR BODIES HAVE BEEN WASHED WITH PURE WATER.

HEBREWS 10:22 NLT

Digging Deeper

HE SAVED US, NOT BECAUSE OF RIGHTEOUS THINGS WE HAD DONE,
BUT BECAUSE OF HIS MERCY. HE SAVED US THROUGH THE WASHING
OF REBIRTH AND RENEWAL BY THE HOLY SPIRIT
TITUS 3:5 NIV

Digging Deeper

ALL SCRIPTURE IS GOD-BREATHED AND IS USEFUL FOR TEACHING,
REBUKING, CORRECTING AND TRAINING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, SO THAT
THE SERVANT OF GOD MAY BE THOROUGHLY EQUIPPED FOR EVERY
GOOD WORK.

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 NIV

Digging Deeper

BROTHERS AND SISTERS, I DO NOT CONSIDER MYSELF YET TO HAVE
TAKEN HOLD OF IT. BUT ONE THING I DO: FORGETTING WHAT IS
BEHIND AND STRAINING TOWARD WHAT IS AHEAD
PHILIPPIANS 3:13 NIV

Digging Deeper

THEN TIMES OF REFRESHMENT WILL COME FROM THE PRESENCE
OF THE LORD, AND HE WILL AGAIN SEND YOU JESUS, YOUR
APPOINTED MESSIAH.

ACTS 3:20 NLT

Digging Deeper

WE WERE THEREFORE BURIED WITH HIM THROUGH BAPTISM INTO DEATH IN ORDER THAT, JUST AS CHRIST WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD THROUGH THE GLORY OF THE FATHER, WE TOO MAY LIVE A NEW LIFE.

ROMANS 6:4 NIV

Digging Deeper

HE RENEWS MY STRENGTH. HE GUIDES ME ALONG RIGHT
PATHS, BRINGING HONOR TO HIS NAME
PSALM 23:3 NLT

Digging Deeper

DO NOT CONFORM 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.

ROMANS 12:12 NIV

Digging Deeper

THEN THE WAY YOU LIVE WILL ALWAYS HONOR AND PLEASE THE
LORD, AND YOUR LIVES WILL PRODUCE EVERY KIND OF GOOD FRUIT.
ALL THE WHILE, YOU WILL GROW AS YOU LEARN TO KNOW GOD
BETTER AND BETTER.
COLOSSIANS 1:10 NLT

Digging Deeper

SO LETTING YOUR SINFUL NATURE CONTROL YOUR MIND LEADS TO
DEATH. BUT LETTING THE SPIRIT CONTROL YOUR MIND LEADS TO
LIFE AND PEACE.
ROMANS 8:6 NLT

Digging Deeper

HE WHO WAS SEATED ON THE THRONE SAID, "I AM MAKING EVERYTHING NEW!" THEN HE SAID, "WRITE THIS DOWN, FOR THESE WORDS ARE TRUSTWORTHY AND TRUE."

REVELATION 21:5 NIV

Digging Deeper

SET YOUR MINDS ON THINGS ABOVE, NOT ON EARTHLY THINGS.
COLOSSIANS 3:2 NIV

Digging Deeper

I WILL REFRESH THE WEARY AND SATISFY THE FAINT
JEREMIAH 31:25 NIV

Digging Deeper

FINALLY, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, WHATEVER IS TRUE, WHATEVER IS NOBLE, WHATEVER IS RIGHT, WHATEVER IS PURE, WHATEVER IS LOVELY, WHATEVER IS ADMIRABLE—IF ANYTHING IS EXCELLENT OR PRAISEWORTHY—THINK ABOUT SUCH THINGS.

PHILIPPIANS 4:8 NIV

Digging Deeper

RESTORE US, O LORD, AND BRING US BACK TO YOU AGAIN! GIVE US
BACK THE JOYS WE ONCE HAD!
LAMENTATIONS 5:21 NLT

Digging Deeper

**“FORGET THE FORMER THINGS; DO NOT DWELL ON THE PAST.
SEE, I AM DOING A NEW THING! NOW IT SPRINGS UP; DO YOU
NOT PERCEIVE IT? I AM MAKING A WAY IN THE WILDERNESS
AND STREAMS IN THE WASTELAND.
ISAIAH 43:18-19 NIV**

Digging Deeper

SO LETTING YOUR SINFUL NATURE CONTROL YOUR MIND LEADS TO
DEATH. BUT LETTING THE SPIRIT CONTROL YOUR MIND LEADS TO
LIFE AND PEACE.
ROMANS 8:6 NLT

Digging Deeper

RESTORE TO ME THE JOY OF YOUR SALVATION AND GRANT ME A
WILLING SPIRIT, TO SUSTAIN ME.
PSALM 51:12 NIV

Digging Deeper

REPENT, THEN, AND TURN TO GOD, SO THAT YOUR SINS MAY BE WIPED
OUT, THAT TIMES OF REFRESHING MAY COME FROM THE LORD
ACTS 3:19 NIV

Digging Deeper

THEREFORE WE DO NOT LOSE HEART. THOUGH OUTWARDLY WE ARE
WASTING AWAY, YET INWARDLY WE ARE BEING RENEWED DAY BY DAY.
2 CORINTHIANS 4:16 NIV

Digging Deeper

**BUT THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD WILL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH.
THEY WILL SOAR ON WINGS LIKE EAGLES; THEY WILL RUN AND NOT
GROW WEARY, THEY WILL WALK AND NOT BE FAINT.**

ISAIAH 40:31 NIV

Digging Deeper

THEN YOU WILL KNOW THE TRUTH,
AND THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE.
JOHN 8:32 NIV

Digging Deeper

INSTEAD, LET THE SPIRIT RENEW YOUR THOUGHTS AND ATTITUDES.
EPHESIANS 4:23 NLT

Digging Deeper

THEREFORE, SINCE WE HAVE THESE PROMISES, DEAR FRIENDS, LET US PURIFY OURSELVES FROM EVERYTHING THAT CONTAMINATES BODY AND SPIRIT, PERFECTING HOLINESS OUT OF REVERENCE FOR GOD.

2 CORINTHIANS 7:1 NIV

Digging Deeper

AND I WILL GIVE YOU A NEW HEART, AND I WILL PUT A NEW SPIRIT IN
YOU. I WILL TAKE OUT YOUR STONY, STUBBORN HEART AND GIVE YOU
A TENDER, RESPONSIVE HEART
EZEKIEL 36:26 NLT

Digging Deeper

SO I SAY, LET THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDE YOUR LIVES. THEN YOU WON'T
BE DOING WHAT YOUR SINFUL NATURE CRAVES.
GALATIANS 5:16 NLT

Digging Deeper

GREAT IS HIS FAITHFULNESS; HIS MERCIES
BEGIN AFRESH EACH MORNING.
LAMENTATIONS 3:23 NLT

Digging Deeper

THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, THE NEW CREATION HAS COME:
THE OLD HAS GONE, THE NEW IS HERE!
2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 NIV

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