

*“That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And **Be Renewed In The Spirit Of Your Mind;** And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in Righteousness and true Holiness.” **Ephesians 4:22-24 KJV***

Do you mind it if I...? What does that mean? Mind? When we think mind, we think of thinking, or the collection of purposes that steer our thoughts. By what compass do you steer? The compass doesn't steer the ship; the rudder does. The helmsman is the spirit of the ship. The rudder of your thoughts will determine your destiny. *“As he THINKETH in his heart, so is he.”* If I “mind” something, I think about it. We give little constructive thought to things which please us, so to

“mind” something means we must give thought to why and if we will allow it. If you think of it, you have a choice to continue “minding” it or not. You choose what you “mind:” You alone! Minding something is simply putting it to consideration. We “mind” many things in the course of a day; some good some evil. Choosing to let one or the other steer our life is our decision. None can read your thoughts, but God. *“Thou understandest my thought afar off.”* However, all can see your deeds and hear your words, including Satan, and thereby the purpose of your life. Is your purpose in life to know God, or is it self-pleasing gratification? Everyone will know your heart by your deeds. *“Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.”* The spirit of your mind is the purpose or direction in which you steer. Is the needle of your compass and your focus aligned? Or do they point in different directions? A compass only points one way. Truth only points one Way. Which direction are you going? What rules the spirit of your mind? By what compass point do you steer?



The Truth will guide our pilgrim way,
If we allow its Words to sway,
Our thoughts and deeds of ev'ry day,
And from our Lord to never stray. –CGP

A ship does not always point in the direction of its plotted course in high seas, but by using the compass the helmsman can always bring it back to the intended bearing. A compass needle can be moved off of true North if a magnet is brought to bear on it. It will then point to the magnet and all other points of reference then become corrupted. Does the compass by which you steer point to Truth? Or has some other force corrupted its veracity? By what course do you steer your life? The law of self or the Law of the Spirit of Truth?

*“For to be carnally minded is death; but to be Spiritually minded is Life and Peace. Because the carnal mind (self-gratification) is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the Law (Truth/Word) of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.” **Romans 8:6-8 KJV***