Conforming - Romans 12:2

**And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.**

There is something about watching people mold pottery that is relaxing to me. To watch a clump of clay suddenly become a cylinder, and then become a bowl or cup is something that is just therapeutic to a point in my mind. The problem is that a cup or bowl can become skewed really easily with someone who does not have the right touch, the right amount of water or the spinner goes too fast. It takes precision, poise and someone who knows exactly what they are doing to make something.

The same thing is happening all around us. On the radio, the television, in our schools, and even in our own homes. The world is trying to conform all of us to its image. Look no further than what they are teaching in schools or what you see on the news. They show how fun sin is and that there seems to be no consequences to living for the moment. Satan is called the price of the power of the air in the bible. He is called the ruler of this world for a reason. Most things in this world work for Him.

As Christians we have a duty and obligation to not live the way the world lives, to not teach what the world teaches and to buck the trends that are running rampant in today’s society. We as Christians have an allegiance to Christ, and we are told to renew our minds, we are to be transformed by the Holy Spirit. This is not an easy task. It takes Christ living within us, we cannot do it on our own.

Since our children are being shown the same things that the world loves in school, it is our duty as Christian parents to show them why it is wrong to think and live the way they do. We cannot simply say because the bible says so, we have an obligation to our children and our youth to tell them the dangers of living in sin and the eternal consequences that follow a life of sin and no repentance.

This week remember who really is in control of this world we live in. Although Satan is called the prince and the ruler of this world, he is not. God is still in control and all things are working for God whether they believe it or not. It is all God’s plan, and what a beautiful plan it is. As always, study your Bibles and pray to your Father in Heaven and renew your minds daily for Christ.

Classes may take their place.