

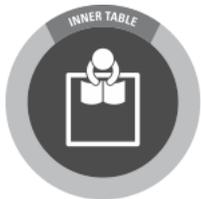
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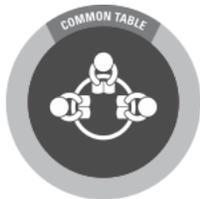


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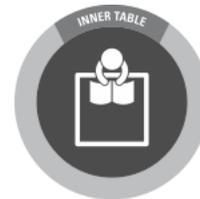
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Reflection Questions *(please use these individually or in groups)*

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1. What kinds of worldly patterns in our current “age” are present within the conversations, media and relationships you allow in your life?
2. Ask the Spirit to give you a deeper understanding of the reality that you are a “transformed” person in Christ.
3. To which area of your life would “whatever thinking” be the easiest applied? Which would be the hardest?

Additional Questions:

1. Think about something you’ve seen be renewed, renovated or repurposed recently. What does that process include, from start to finish? Why is each step necessary and valuable?
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Devotional Reading & Inward Reflection

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Self-Care Disciplines *(Excerpts from Celebration of Discipline)*

January Discipline: Simplicity | Materialism (p.79-80)

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Experiencing the inward reality liberates us outwardly. Speech becomes truthful and honest. The lust for status and position is gone because we no longer need status and position. We cease from showy extravagance not on the grounds of being unable to afford it, but on the grounds of principle. Our goods become available to others.

We have an abundance of things/materials. Many of us love to spend money and acquire new items. Many of us deeply treasure items we already own that add no significant value to our lives. For some reason, we keep adding to our lives with “things” and not removing any of the old stuff. Our lives become cluttered with materials and when that happens, our whole self feels cluttered. This week, think of at least one item you can give away/throw away. As you do it, allow yourself to feel the release of letting go and clearing up space in your life.

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