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4. What will be the result? (vss. 5-6)
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6. What does this mean in practical terms?
7. What is his rationale for why we should do this?
8. Paraphrase the two commands in the first sentence of v. 2.
9. List at least 5 ways in which our minds can be renewed.
10. What will be the result?



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