

Wisdom Women PERCEPTION

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The way we see things depends on the condition of our hearts and our mindsets. Example: One woman sees a couple living in an RV and thinks how poor they must be. She snubs her nose up to their situation because she was taught to look down on people like that when she was growing up. However, another lady with friends involved in the tiny home /RV trend has a different perspective. She sees the value in the simplicity that a minimalist life can provide. Both can be true of the situation.

Some people live in RVs because they are poor, and some because they choose that lifestyle. We all have differences in the way we grew up. Our perceptions affect the way we see others, and sometimes our perception needs to be renewed by the word of God and seeing his people through the eyes of truth and love. We are to walk in the Spirit and not the flesh, be led by the Spirit and not the flesh.

John 16:13 "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come."

Galatians 5:25 "If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit."

Romans 8:14 "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God."

Romans 12:2 "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."





One of Our goals in transforming our perception to align with truth and love is to gain wisdom from the Lord. Does it matter if we think the people in the RV are poor or if it's a lifestyle that they have chosen? Probably not so much, but we need to have a loving perception and protect ourselves from the incorrect judgment of God's daughters and sons, our brothers, and sisters. We are in the world but not of it, which means we are in a spiritual kingdom (kingdom of God) in a world with the Spirit of the world. We, as believers, are not led by the world. We are being molded into something set apart. A light in the darkness. Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. ¹ John 5:19 We know that we are children of God, and that the world is under the control of the evil one.

Here are some practical steps to take for keeping your perception in alignment with the truth of God's word.

- Read your Bible as much as possible.
- When you read a scripture and it kind of "sticks out" to you, then write it down. Then, pray about it and talk to God about it.
- Always have your heart open to be taught by God. God speaks to us in many ways, including through His word. He really does love you.
- I would also say the scripture out loud. There's something powerful about saying it out loud! You don't need to get too deep into this but declaring the word over your life will change things. It builds your faith, and it changes the atmosphere. You can literally take authority over your life with the word.

Romans 10:17- So faith comes from hearing and hearing through the word of Christ.

God wants you to see life through His eyes. As he teaches you about who YOU are through His eyes, you will begin to see things differently. See life with hope, wisdom, and love. He will teach you your true identity in Him. I am excited about your journey. I know that as far as He has brought me, He will bring you! I still have a long way to go, as is the case with each one of us. But, we are all on a journey with a God that created us for such a time as this. You are valuable and have a purpose. I'll be praying for you.

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