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As Christians, we are called to a high moral standard, yet we may feel as if we're failing more than succeeding. Perhaps our language isn't as pure as we know it should be, or we haven't overcome some of our bad habits. It's easy to become discouraged if we don't understand what is hindering our progress.

Transformation begins in the mind, because the way we reason affects how we act. We can't expect to progress in holiness if we're undiscerning about what to allow into our thoughts. Paul admonishes us not to be conformed to the world but to be transformed by renewing the mind (Rom. 12:2). We must make an intentional effort to fill our mind with the truths of God's Word to ensure that we are counteracting the world's messages.

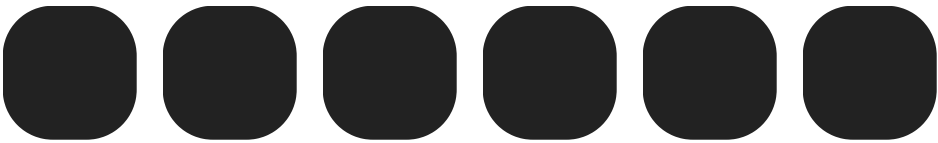
The influence of others is another avenue by which we can be helped or hindered in our pursuit of holiness. If we associate with people who don't share our standards, we could be tempted to compromise. Mature believers, on the other hand, can detect obstacles hindering our growth and point out adjustments we need to make. I was greatly impacted by the biographies of godly men like Oswald Chambers, Charles Spurgeon, and Dwight L. Moody. As I read, I would see qualities in their lives that I wanted in my own. These traits formed the basis for many of my prayers.

What kinds of thoughts fill your mind? Are you being influenced by friends, television, or social media more than you are by the Word of God? As the Holy Spirit helps you replace wrong thoughts with godly ones, your behavior will also be transformed.

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