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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Rom. 12:2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--His good, pleasing and perfect will. (NIV)

We live in a time of change. Some changes can be good, while others can be devastating. What one generation thought and followed, can be switched for something totally opposite by the next generation. The thoughts, ideals and philosophies of some can be completely ignored by others. This is not new. In just a few years of my life, I've seen a complete reset from one generation to the next. Change does happen. What we as believers must be very careful about is that we don't accept or conform to the patterns of this world. There was a day, not so long ago, when children began their school days with the pledge of allegiance to the flag, and a prayer in each classroom. Now, it is supposedly against the law to pray at school. [Side note here: if a "law" that is passed in our country goes against the "law of the Lord," His law should always take precedence.]

Paul says that we are not to conform to the 'pattern' of this world. The world system, pop culture and the manner of thoughts, will constantly change, and are being fueled by those who follow their own selfish desires rather than the Word of God. We must cling to the only non-changing thing in this world: the LORD God Himself. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. We are to test every thought and principle by what the scripture teaches us. His Word is the litmus paper that lets us know if principles and philosophies can be embraced or should be rejected. We must not be a group of lemmings that would follow the crowd, no matter the peril that lies ahead. Instead we must be transformed into spiritual warriors that will stand (even if it is alone) for what is right. We will be able, with the Holy Spirit's help, to test and approve what God's will is.

Dear LORD, help us to see things the way You see things. We need Your wisdom in a world and time that is changing constantly. Help us to be transformed into those who have Your mind and heart. In Jesus Name, Amen