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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

**Rom. 8:6** *The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. (NIV)*

Are you in your right mind? Or better yet, are you living with the mind of Christ? I'm sure people sometimes think about me: what was he thinking? I've been known to make some fairly irrational and even selfish decisions in my life. I'm not happy about that at all. I think we have all had our fair share of selfish desires, that when fulfilled, brought trials and struggles that could have been avoided.

The solution? Determine who is going to be in charge of your mind. You can either be in charge (not a good idea), or the LORD can be in control (very good idea). As Paul makes this statement to the church in Rome, he is no doubt speaking from a heart that had been through some of the very same struggles that we all face. In fact, in chapter seven, he had just made this statement: **Rom. 7:15-24** *I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! (NIV)* Does this sound familiar? It should because we all have a strong pull to fulfill our selfish desires rather than follow the lead of our Savior. Again, what can we do about this? We must choose (everyday, all day long), to give up our minds and our wills to the One Who knows what we need. And He will lead us where we are to go. He must be given complete dominion over our minds so that we can then enjoy life (real life) and peace.

**Dear LORD, I choose today to give you all of my mind, my heart and my will. I'm yours LORD. Fill me to overflowing with Your Spirit and lead me in the paths that I should go. Help me to be a witness to all that I come in contact with today. In Jesus Name, Amen**