

GOD AND MY CLASSES (PART 2)



HEAR

Read Romans 12:2

Context & Key Themes

The "Split Life" problem is the temptation to cut our lives into pieces, serving God in our religious practices while serving the idols of the world in our public social responsibilities. We often use "two sets of glasses": one for our personal faith and another for the "public" world of money, voting, and academic studies.

The Renewed Mind: We are urged to offer our bodies as living sacrifices and refuse to conform to the pattern of this world. Instead, we are to be transformed by the *renewing of our minds* so we can approve God's perfect will in every arena.

Our Role: We are image-bearers, stewards, and ambassadors called to use our talents in politics, art, medicine, teaching, etc, to the glory of God.

- We often wear "two sets of glasses": one for our personal faith and another for our public academic life. What "patterns of the world" (Romans 12:2) or specific academic theories in your major currently tempt you to leave your faith at the door of the classroom?
- Since Christ is in the business of "reconciling all things" (v 20), what would it look like for you to act as an "ambassador" or "steward" within your area of study? How does seeing your major as a place for Kingdom service change your motivation for getting good grades or choosing a career path?



RESPOND

Go and do

- Find a Community of Practice: Identify one other Christian in your major or a Christian professor. Commit to meeting them to discuss how your field reflects God's creation.
- The "Kingdom Paper": For your next major assignment, look for an opportunity to write from a perspective that seeks the "redemption" of that topic rather than just "working the system".



DEBRIEF

Reflect on what you learned

- What was it like talking or praying with someone else in your academic field? Any new revelations?
- Are there any ways you feel God inviting you to no longer leave your faith outside of the classroom?
- What would keep you from deciding today to give your *whole* life—including your GPA and professional future—to Jesus?