



God's Way To Change #1

"Transformed By God's Word!"

**Change is the only constant in life! - ELC

- Things in life are in constant flux and are changing continually and all around you!
- The Truth is that you can let things change around you degeneratively or you Can EFFECT Change in your life!

Someone once said, *"It is a form of insanity to keep doing the same thing over and over again and expect a different result!"*

If I were to ask you here today, if you would like to see some things in your life to really change...how many of you would agree that you are seeking some real, long lasting change in your life?**

****I'VE LEARNED THAT IT'S NOT THAT PEOPLE DO NOT DESIRE TO CHANGE, BUT RATHER THAT PEOPLE DO NOT KNOW HOW TO CHANGE THAT IS AT ISSUE!**

Proverbs 23:7

7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he;... KJV

**If you were to ask God...God, I need some real change in my life and I'm not quite sure how to go about it, what would you tell me to do about it?

I BELIEVE...that God would speak to you and tell you that ***if you want real change, lasting change in your life, then the first thing you need to have real change is to CHANGE YOUR THINKING!***

The way we think in life is DIRECTLY CONNECTED to the direction their life will go! **Your life goes in the direction of your dominate thoughts!

HERE'S A POWERFUL THOUGHT... ***Your Life and the things you are being challenged by can be changed from a Negative condition or circumstance to a Positive one! It is possible!***

HERE'S THE CLINCHER...***It's not as difficult as you may think it would be!***

These are just a few opening thoughts that we will revisit over the course of this series as we move forward.

- If you are waiting for things to change in your life for the better, you will become more and more frustrated waiting for things to change while they are not changing! STOP WAITING ON GOD TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE!

YOU CAN EFFECT CHANGE!

Psalm 78:41

41 Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel. KJV

- We can become the LID on our own lives that limit us from growing and excelling!

"People change when they hurt enough that they have to, learn enough that they want to, or receive enough that they are able to."

- John C.

Maxwell

- I do not believe in formula's, but I do like to encapsulate bible principles in to a memorable statement.

For instance, When it comes to change here's a simplified way of stating it, **Change your thinking, through meditation in God's Word...Then Change your actions which will ultimately Change your life and circumstances!**

****Basically I'm suggesting if you Change Your Thinking, then Change Your Actions, you will eventually Change Your Life & Circumstances!**

REMEMBER - THIS IS A PROCESS! IT IS NOT A FAST PROCESS EITHER. IT TOOK TIME FOR YOU TO GET IN THIS CONDITION AND IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO GET OUT!

Look at this like a **diet...you don't lose weight immediately, you lose it over time which is the correct way of effecting change! Whether you are changing your weight, changing careers, changing relationships, or changing your thinking. You MUST be willing to put forth the effort necessary to produce a lasting change.

Are you motivated for a change? As long as you can tolerate the situation you are in today, you will Never Change!

- Commitment is Critical to this process and if you will implement it with a genuine commitment then change will happen.

2 Kings 7:3-9

3 And there were four leprous men at the entering in of the gate: and they said one to another, **Why sit we here until we die?**

4 If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.

5 And they rose up in the twilight, to go unto the camp of the Syrians: and when they were come to the uttermost part of the camp of Syria, behold, there was no man there.

6 For the Lord had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great host: and they said one to another, Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us.

7 Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life.

8 And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid it; and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried thence also, and went and hid it.

9 Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household.

****Verse 3** is really a critical key. When these lepers asked themselves the questions, "***Why sit we here until we die?***" this began their process of change and will help you to begin yours as you ask the same question as well!

ILLUSTRATION: Water changes from a liquid to a solid by exposing it to freezing conditions resulting in ice. Ice changes from a solid to a vapor by exposing the ice to heat or hot conditions resulting in steam.

The same substance, H₂O, that when exposed to certain environments changes the H₂O in to either a Solid, Liquid or Vapor.

When we as believers are exposed to the environment of God's word, change will eventually be our lot!

KEYS TO EFFECTING CHANGE

1. We need to stop playing the "Blame Game".

Dr. Jim Richards recently posted on FB this thought about the Blame Mentality. He stated that, *"...Blame points to the past, to the wrong, who should be punished. Blame has no value in solving problems. It actually becomes part of the problem. The "Blame Mentality" thinks the one who is to blame is responsible. "You broke it; you fix it." This thinking leaves a person in pain waiting for someone else to act. The people who hurt you will never fix you. Waiting for them to assume responsibility is personal sabotage at its best!"*

2 Peter 1:2

2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, KJV

Isaiah 26:3

3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. KJV

Q: Do you have perfect peace?

A: If you don't then your mind is not stayed on him!

2 Peter 1:3-4

3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. KJV

- Anything that you need comes to you through the knowledge of God through His word! Whatever you are lacking is the result of a **KNOWLEDGE PROBLEM!**

- That is why **Verse 4** Peter tells us that we can partake of God's divine nature through the exceeding great and precious promises!

*****Change is impossible with the wrong information! Like a computer that if it had the wrong Operating System couldn't function properly! You have to program the computer to work properly!***

*****The same thing is true with us, we need to reprogram our minds or renew our minds with the Word of God and thereby escape the corruption that is in the world through lust!***