

Holy Habits

Part 3: Being Changed by God's Word

What does God's word say about allowing IT to change YOU?

Psalm 119:20 (CEV)

What I want most of all and at all times is to honor your laws.

To be Changed By God's Word I must:

1. I must DECIDE to make the Bible the FOUNDATION for my LIFE.

Matthew 7:24 (NIV)

"Everyone who hears these words of mine, and puts them into practice, is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."

A. I can choose to build my life on the foundation of POPULAR CULTURE.

B. I can choose to build my life on the foundation of TRADITIONS.

C. I can choose to build my life on PERSONAL REASON.

D. I can choose to build my life on my EMOTIONS

2. I must DETERMINE to FEED ON the Bible daily for my STRENGTH

Colossians 3:16 (NIV)

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly.

How do I feed on the Word of God?

A. I feed on it by HEARING it with my EARS.

Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

"Faith comes by hearing... the Word of God."

B. I feed on it by READING it with my EYES.

C. I feed on it by MEDITATING on it with my MIND and HEART.

Psalm 1:1-2 (NKJV)

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly...But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night."

3. I must choose the DISCIPLINE of making God's Word my STANDARD for living.

Psalm 119:11 (NIV)

"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

1 Corinthians 9:27 (ESV)

But I discipline my body and keep it under control...

Key Truth: You can't REMEMBER and UTILIZE what you don't KNOW.

Luke 4:4 (NIV)

Jesus answered, 'It is written, 'Man does not live on bread alone.'

Try memorizing scripture! The Holy Spirit will bring it to memory at a time of need.

4. I must DEVOTE myself to being OPEN to the truth in God's Word.

Psalm 119:18 (NIV)

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

A. There is HARDENED SOIL.

B. There is SHALLOW SOIL.

C. There is SOIL covered with WEEDS.

D. There is good SOIL.

5. I must commit to DO what God's Word SAYS.

James 1:22 (NIV)

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

Key Truth: It's not KNOWLEDGE but OBEDIENCE that God rewards.

James 4:17 (NLT)

Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.

6. I must DISCOVER the freedom that comes from TRUSTING in God's Word.

Psalms 119:105 (NIV)

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Psalms 16:6 (NIV)

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.

Key Truth: When you live in a DARK WORLD you need a LIGHT to GUIDE you.

Matthew 4:16 (NIV)

"The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."