

OUR LIVES MASTERED BY THE BOOK**Dr. Larry Lamb – January 12, 2020***Bible reading and study is not a burden, but a blessing.*

GALATIANS 4.19 *But oh, my dear children! I feel as I am going through labor pains for you again, (spiritually) and they will continue until Christ is fully developed in your lives.*

ROMANS 12.2 *Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.*

PHILIPPIANS 2.5 *Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had.*

Just from these three verses it is clear God has a desire for something to take place within us that is a supernatural work, along with our work.

Here's a question that gets raised between divine grace and our free will. Is it God's work or our work that makes things happen?

The answer is _____ (YES).

God will use the Bible to bring about transformation but owning a Bible has yet to produce maturity. The disciplined reading and studying of the Bible will produce the needed maturity.

You know you're maturing in transformation from devoting disciplined time to reading and studying the Scripture when:

- Sinful habits are replaced by godly habits.
- Pride is viewed as nauseating.
- Training children God's way over trumps the philosophy of the culture.
- Serving others becomes a priority because that's the way of the Savior.
- A compassion for those who do not know Christ breaks your heart.
- The heavy weight of resentment is dropped.
- A desire to live according to God's ways is seen as life's highest priority. (Will God be glorified?)

**YOU HAVE DEVELOPED HABITS AND NOW OVER TIME YOUR HABITS
HAVE DEVELOPED YOU. THIS BOOK HAS MASTERED YOU.**

Our Lives Mastered by the Book:

1) _____

Philippians 4.8 *And now, dear brothers and sisters let me say one more thing as I close this letter. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.*

2) _____ – work toward the direction you want to go.

- Never underappreciate the value of true consistency and direction.
- Motivation will get you going, but discipline keeps your growing.

THE SECRET TO YOUR SUCCESS LIES IN YOUR DAILY HABITS.

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3) _____

- Be diligent.
- Stay steady and don't despair.

**THE MORE YOU READ THE BIBLE, THE MORE YOU UNDERSTAND
YOURSELF, THE WORLD YOU LIVE IN, AND THE ONE
WHO MADE BOTH.**

PASTOR MIKE MACINTOSH

WHAT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT ASKING ME TO DO NEXT?

Father, I know that my sins have separated me from You. I am sorry, and now I want to turn away from my past sinful life toward You. Please forgive me. I believe that Jesus Christ died for my sins, was resurrected from the dead, is alive, and hears my prayer. I invite Jesus to become the Lord of my life, to rule and reign in my heart from this day forward. Help me obey You, and to do Your will for the rest of my life. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.