

Seven habits of world changing in Christians

Identity and Behavior

“One day I went to the house of Shemaiah son of Delaiah, the son of Mehetabel, who was shut in at his home. He said, “Let us meet in the house of God, inside the temple, and let us close the temple doors, because men are coming to kill you—by night they are coming to kill you.” But I said, “Should a man like me run away? Or should someone like me go into the temple to save his life? I will not go!”

Nehemiah 6:10-11

GIGANTIC life principles

1. Identity shapes behavior

An unhealthy identity creates unwise habits and unwise habits reinforce unhealthy identity.

2. Behavior confirms identity

We become what we repeatedly do

3. Every action you take casts a vote for the person you will become

The goal is to cast enough votes (with right behaviors) so the new you wins the identity election.

Right behaviors create a body of evidence that you really are a new person in Christ.

4. We become what we repeatedly do

5. Create a healthy environment

You can choose to become the architect of your environment as opposed to a victim of it.

Seven Habits

1. Daily seeking the face of God.

Identity: I am a Christian hungry for God

Habit: Morning prayer and Bible study

Confession: I hunger for God

“As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God.”

Psalms 42:1 NLT

2. Generosity

Identity: I am outrageously generous because my God has poured out his generosity to me!

Habit: Random acts of generosity(offerings). Time, talents, service, attention, listening

Confession: I am a giver, not a taker. I am blessed and highly favored, so I will give my life and resources to people.

“And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’””

Acts of the Apostles 20:35 NLT

3. Consistent intentional fellowship

Identity: I am a person who loves God's people

Behavior: I attend Sunday service and small groups.

Confession: I love knowing God's people

"Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works."

Hebrews 10:24 NLT

4. I will forgive. Every time.

Identity: I am a forgiven sinner who forgives others.

Behavior: Forgive everyone who has hurt me. Pre forgive them every day.

Confession: I will never allow someone to control my life because I choose to not forgive them.

"Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others."

Colossians 3:13 NLT

5. Sharing the Gospel

Identity: I am a witness for Jesus Christ

Behavior: invite people to church. Share your story with people outside of church

"We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard.""

Acts of the Apostles 4:20 NLT

6. Take care of the temple

Identity: I am a disciplined person

Behavior: Put healthy food in the fridge and take walks (or hit the gym or move consistently)

Confession: I will take care of my one and only body.

“Don’t you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself,”

1 Corinthians 6:19 NLT

7. Lifetime learning

Identity: As a disciple of Christ, I am a lifetime learner

Behavior: I will read books daily (especially the Bible), go to conferences and implement things that God highlights

Confession: I hate staying the same. I will continually grow for my entire life.

“Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.”

Ephesians 4:15 NLT