THE POWER TO CHANGE

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"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light."

Genesis 1:1-3 (NIV)

1. LIGHT: INSPIRATION FROM HEAVEN

"And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light." Genesis 1:3 (NIV)

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." Psalm 119:105 (NIV)

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

"Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: 'For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

Romans 8:33-37 (NIV)

2. LAND: PRACTICAL APPLICATION ON EARTH

"And God said, 'Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.' And it was so. God called the dry ground 'land.'"

Genesis 1:9-10 (NIV)

"Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come."

1 Timothy 4:8 (NLT)

3 Spiritual Habits to Change your Whole Life

1. The Habit of a Daily Time To God

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." 2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV)

2. The Habit of a Weekly Tithe to God

"One tenth of the produce of the land, whether grain from the fields or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD and must be set apart to Him as holy." Leviticus 27:30 (NLT)

3. The Habit of Fellowship

"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer."

Hebrews 10:25 (GNT)

3. LIFE: PERSONAL GROWTH

"Then God said, 'Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.' And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good."

Genesis 1:11-12 (NIV)

4. LIKENESS: BECOMING MORE LIKE CHRIST

"Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, in Our likeness,' ... so God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

Genesis 1:26-27 (NIV)

5. LEVERAGE: MULTIPLYING GOD'S BLESSINGS

"God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground." Genesis 1:28 (NIV)

6. LIMITS: SURRENDER TO GOD'S POWER TO CHANGE

"By the seventh day God had finished the work He had been doing; so on the seventh day He rested from all His work." Genesis 2:2 (NIV)