

Don't Give The Enemy A Seat At Your Table - Part 6

In the Presence of Our Enemies

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TABLE**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies...

—Psalms 23:5 (ESV)

This side of Heaven we'll never find a place devoid of evil.

It may seem strange to “prepare a table” *before* our enemies, but God wants to help you and me be victorious in this life, and that means He needs you and me to be prepared to face real life, a life where the enemy is prowling around.

The table is in the presence of the enemies because God wants you to know that you'll always have enough for

every moment, every struggle. He'll sustain you in every dark night. And God wants the enemies to watch you shine.

—Louie Giglio

So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.

—Romans 8:6 (NLT)

God wants you to take control of your mind, in Jesus' name, through the power of His Holy Spirit.

—Louie Giglio

And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

—Philippians 4:8 (NLT)

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. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

—Romans 12:2 (NLT)

We have to “let God transform” us by changing how we think.

SEVEN TRUTHS THAT CHANGE YOUR MIND AND LIFE

(Louie Giglio, Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table, pp. 185-190)

1. I am in God's story.

It's not about you.

—Rick Warren, *(The Purpose-Driven Life)*

Satan loves to turn God's story around, appeal to our

egos, and encourage us to believe it's really all about us.

*“For I know the plans I have for you,”
declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you
and not to harm you, plans to give you hope
and a future.”*

—Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

1. I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

*For you [LORD] created my inmost being; you knit
me together in my mother's womb. I praise you
because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your
works are wonderful, I know that full well.*

—Psalms 139:13-14 (NIV)

The biggest challenge many of us have is choosing to believe we are who God says we are, versus what the world around says.

2. My life has purpose.

*For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us
anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things
he planned for us long ago.*

—Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

If your heart is still beating, God has things for you to do.

3. The cross has the final word.

The cross is the defining event and symbol of each human being's worth to God.

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new
creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new
has come.*

—2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)

*You are forgiven. Made right. You are holy in
Christ. You are born into a new family. Woven into*

divine plans and purposes. Your guilt is gone. You are free.

—Louie Giglio

4. I serve at the pleasure of the King.

See each day, each action, each person you encounter as an opportunity to shine the light of Christ to all around you, to advance the cause of Christ.

But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

—1 Peter 2:9 (NLT)

5. Jesus is Lord, and Jesus is my Lord.

Therefore God exalted [Christ Jesus] to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

—Philippians 2:9-11 (NIV)

Lord means I am under Jesus' authority; I answer to him; I seek to obey him in everything I do because he's the boss, my master, *my* Lord!

6. My God turns evil into good.

We live in a fallen world; and yet, Christ has shown us a way through the valley of the shadow of death.

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

—Romans 8:28 (NLT)

Too often we want God's miracles first, as proof that we've made the right decision, but God's wants our faith first, as proof that we're following Jesus before He'll do His greatest works in and through us.

By faith believe you can win the battle for your mind, and then trust the Lord to help you push the enemy away from your table.

RESOURCES:

- [SEVEN TRUTHS THAT CHANGE YOUR MIND AND LIFE](#)
 - [HELPING CHRISTIANS DISTINGUISH CONVICTION FROM CONDEMNATION Chart](#) - from Week 5
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Next Week - The Gospel of Mark: The END? - Part 1