

TRANSFORMED

Relational Health

10-23-22

***Transformed** (metamorphosis) describes a change from within. The world wants to change our mind, so it exerts pressure from the outside. But God wants to transform our life from within by the renewing of our minds.

*God's goal for each of us would be that we would be transformed to _____ the very image of Jesus.

1. _____ ultimately influence the direction and the quality of your life.

Proverbs 13:20 - He who walks with the wise grows wise, [That's a promise.] but a companion of fools suffers harm. [That's a warning.]

2. According to Scripture, a wise person is a person who understands that all of life is _____. What you do today, what you decide today, what you think about today will influence who you are tomorrow—that what you did yesterday will impact your experience in life today.

3. The friend of _____, the person that does life with fools, is a person who will eventually be _____ by the behavior of the fool.

4. Definition of a fool: A person who knows the difference between _____ and wrong, but doesn't care.

5. So rather than saying that we're just going to unfriend people in our pursuit of pleasing God, what I want to do today is talk to you about the times when you may need to _____ a friendship.

Proverbs 12:26 - A righteous man is cautious in friendship, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

6. It is impossible over the course of your life to live a God-honoring life when you do not have God honoring_____.

1 Corinthians 15:33 - Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

2 Corinthians 6:14 - Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common?

Matthew 5:14 - You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. . . .

Matthew 28:18-20 - Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

- You have to redefine your friends and look into your core circle of friends.

Big Idea: When your core friends are committed to Christ, then your _____ roots grow deeper. When your roots grow deeper, your reach extends further.

1. Two things we will _____ let our friends do:

A. I will never let my friends _____ me from God's plan.

Matthew 16:23 - Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in **mind the things of God, but the things of men.**"

B. I will not let my friends continually _____ me into sin.

Genesis 39:12 - She caught him by his cloak and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house.

2. There's one thing that God never wants us to ever stop:

A. I will never, ever stop _____ people with the unconditional love of Christ.

John 13:34-35 - "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Summary: We live with the tension that if you show me your friends, you'll see your future. You walk with the wise and you grow wise, but a friend of fools suffers harm. You cannot live the right life when you have the wrong friends. Therefore, you surround yourself with the right core of friends so your roots will grow deeper, your love and reach may grow wider, so your light would shine into a dark world that they would know you follow Jesus because you love them with His kind of love.