

The Process of Change (Part 3)
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Scripture References:

- Romans 12:1, 2, *AMPC*
- Jeremiah 12:16
- Hebrews 11:6
- Proverbs 12:24
- Proverbs 4:20-25
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
- Psalm 118:17
- Matthew 6:28, 31
- Galatians 6:7
- Galatians 6:7, *NLT*
- Philippians 3:13
- Isaiah 43:18, 19
- 1 Corinthians 15:33
- Proverbs 3:12
- Ephesians 4:15
- Proverbs 27:5

Summary:

Change is vital to growth and maturity. God wants this for us, but the degree to which we change depends on the degree to which we cooperate with His Word. It never just happens automatically; we must be diligent and persistent to pursue God if we want Him to transform us. A relationship with God and with the loved ones He puts in our path ensures continual change and prevents us from becoming stagnant.

Notes:

1. Change begins when we submit to God; a relationship with Him matures and grows us. Real change begins with renewing the mind.
2. It's important not to misdirect our diligence; instead of being diligent about getting God to do something He has already done, we should be diligent in our thanks and praise for His finished works.
3. The seventh step in the process of change is to guard the entrances to our heart. The eighth step is to defend our minds against old thoughts that contradict God's Word. The ninth is choosing to be selective about who or what we expose ourselves to.
4. The tenth step requires that we disassociate ourselves from the past. The eleventh step is to be teachable and open to receiving correction. The twelfth step is to depend on God and on others for support.

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