

HOW GOD CHANGES US

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"And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit." 2 Corinthians 3:18 (ESV)

6 ELEMENTS GOD USES

Ephesians 4:11-32

1. TRANSFORMATION REQUIRES _____

"Christ chose some of us to be apostles, prophets, missionaries, pastors, and teachers, so his people would learn to serve and his body would grow strong. This will continue until we are united by our faith and by our understanding of the Son of God. Then we will be mature, just as Christ is, and we will be completely like him." Ephesians 4:11-13 (CEV)

2. TRANSFORMATION REQUIRES _____

Jesus: *"Use the truth to make them holy. Your words are truth." John 17:17 (GW)*

"Then we will no longer be like children, forever changing our minds about what we believe because someone has told us something different or has cleverly lied to us and made the lie sound like the truth. Instead, we will lovingly follow the truth at all times—speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly—and so become more and more in every way like Christ who is the Head of his body, the Church."

Ephesians 4:14-15 (TLB)

"Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him." Ephesians 4:21 (NLT)

3. TRANSFORMATION REQUIRES _____

"Live no longer as the Gentiles do, for they are hopelessly confused. Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him."

Ephesians 4:17-18 (NLT)

"They don't care anymore about right and wrong and have given themselves over to impure ways. They stop at nothing, being driven by their evil minds and reckless lusts." Ephesians 4:19 (TLB)

"Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes." Ephesians 4:23 (NLT)

"Let the Spirit change your way of thinking." Ephesians 4:23 (CEV)

4. TRANSFORMATION REQUIRES _____

"So get rid of your old self, which made you live as you used to—the old self that was being destroyed by its deceitful desires." Ephesians 4:22 (GNT)

"We must get rid of everything that slows us down, especially sin that distracts us. We must run the race that lies ahead of us." Hebrews 12:1 (GW)

WHY IS GETTING RID OF BAD HABITS SO HARD?

- BECAUSE _____
- BECAUSE _____
- BECAUSE _____
- BECAUSE _____

5. TRANSFORMATION REQUIRES _____

"No more pretense. Tell your neighbor the truth. In Christ's body we're all connected to each other, after all. When you lie to others, you end up lying to yourself." Ephesians 4:25 (MSG)

"Be kind and loving to each other, and forgive each other just as God forgave you in Christ." Ephesians 4:32 (NCV)

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)

6. TRANSFORMATION REQUIRES _____

"Now . . . by his mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of—infinity beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes." Ephesians 3:20 (TLB)

"I can do all things . . . through [Christ] who . . . empowers me . . . I am ready for anything . . . through Him who infuses me with inner strength."

Philippians 4:13 (AMP)

Jesus: *"According to your faith let it be done to you." Matthew 9:29 (NIV)*

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YOUR LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEM

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Jesus: "Where two or three gather together in My name, there am I with them."
Matthew 18:20 (BSB)

Paul: "I am writing these things to you now. Then . . . you will know how to live in the family of God. That family is the church." 1 Timothy 3:15 (NCV)

WHAT DOES A SMALL GROUP DO?

Acts 2:42-47

1. **WE** _____
"They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles." Acts 3:42 (MSG)
2. **WE** _____
"All the believers devoted themselves . . . to fellowship." Acts 3:42 (NLT)
"They were like family to each other." Acts 3:42 (CEV)
"They committed themselves to . . . life together." Acts 3:42 (MSG)
3. **WE** _____
"Sharing in the fellowship meals." Acts 2:42 (GNT)
"And shared their meals with great joy and generosity." Acts 2:46 (NLT)
4. **WE** _____
"They spent their time . . . praying together." Acts 2:42 (NCV)
5. **WE** _____
"All the believers were together and shared everything." Acts 2:44 (NCV)
"They . . . pooled their resources so that each person's need was met."
Acts 2:45 (MSG)
"God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other." 1 Peter 4:10 (TLB)

HOW CAN I GET THE MOST FROM MY GROUP?

1. _____
"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together . . . Instead, let us encourage one another." Hebrews 10:25 (GNT)
2. _____
"Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!" Romans 12:16 (NLT)
"Do not let selfishness or pride be your guide. Instead, be humble and give more honor to others than to yourselves. Do not be interested only in your own life, but be interested in the lives of others." Philipians 2:3-4 (NCV)
3. _____
"Welcome with open arms fellow believers who don't see things the way you do. And don't jump all over them every time they do or say something you don't agree with—even when it seems that they are strong on opinions but weak in the faith department. Remember, they have their own history to deal with. Treat them gently." Romans 14:1 (MSG)
"We must bear the 'burden' of being considerate of the doubts and fears of others."
Romans 15:2 (TLB)
4. _____
"If we live in the light, as God is in the light, we can share fellowship with each other. . . . If we say we have no sin, we are fooling ourselves, and the truth is not in us." 1 John 1:7-8 (NCV)
"Admit your faults to one another and pray for each other so that you may be healed." James 5:16 (TLB)
5. _____
"Help carry each other's burdens. In this way you will follow Christ's teachings."
Galatians 6:2 (GW)
"As holy people whom God has chosen and loved, be sympathetic, kind, humble, gentle, and patient." Colossians 3:12 (GW)
"If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it."
1 Corinthians 12:26 (GNT)
6. _____
"Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds."
Hebrews 10:24 (NIV)
"I want us to help each other with the faith we have. Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you." Romans 1:12 (NCV)

SETTING PERSONAL GOALS BY FAITH

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WHY ARE GOALS IMPORTANT TO CHANGING MY LIFE?

1.

Paul: "I do not mean that I am already as God wants me to be. I have not yet reached that goal, but I continue trying to reach it and to make it mine. Christ wants me to do that, which is the reason he made me his. Brothers and sisters, I know that I have not yet reached that goal, but there is one thing I always do. Forgetting the past and straining toward what is ahead, I keep trying to reach the goal and get the prize for which God called me through Christ to the life above. All of us who are spiritually mature should think this way, too." Philippians 3:12-15 (NCV)
2.

"According to your faith will it be done to you." Matthew 9:29 (BSB)
3.

"I do not run without a goal. I fight like a boxer who is hitting something—not just the air." 1 Corinthians 9:26 (NCV)
4.

"But I don't have the strength to endure. I have nothing to live for." Job 6:11 (NLT)

"What strength do I have [left] that I can go on hoping? What goal do I have that I would want to prolong my life?" Job 6:11 (GW)
5.

Paul: "I make every effort to take hold of [the goal]." Philippians 3:12 (HCSB)
6.

"If your goals are good, you will be respected." Proverbs 11:27 (GNT)

"All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. So I run with purpose in every step."
1 Corinthians 9:25-26 (NLT)

"So I run-but not without a clear goal ahead of me." 1 Corinthians 9:26 (GW)

WHAT KIND OF GOAL DOES GOD BLESS?

3 questions to ask:

1.

"God paid a great price for you. So use your body to honor God." 1 Corinthians 6:20 (CEV)

"When you eat or drink or do anything, always do it to honor God." 1 Corinthians 10:31 (CEV)

"We make it our goal to please him." 2 Corinthians 5:9 (NIV)
2.

"Let all that you do be done with love." 1 Corinthians 16:14 (NKJV)

"Let love be your highest goal!" 1 Corinthians 14:1 (NLT)
3.

"We plan the way we want to live, but only GOD makes us able to live it." Proverbs 16:9 (MSG)
 - **I NEED**

"You will not succeed by your own strength or by your own power, but by my Spirit," says the Lord All-Powerful." Zechariah 4:6 (NCV)
 - **I NEED**

"Do not let this book of the law depart from your lips. Recite it by day and by night, that you may carefully observe all that is written in it; then you will attain your goal; then you will succeed." Joshua 1:8 (NABRE)
 - **I NEED**

"A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken." Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NLT)

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HOW TO GET CLOSER TO GOD

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The further away you get from God, the more your life is *troubled*.
The closer you get to God, the more your life is *transformed*.

THE LOST SON & LOVING FATHER: LUKE 15:11-24

Jesus: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate." Luke 15:11-24 (NIV)

1. "He wasted everything . . . He had nothing left . . . he was so hungry . . . Finally, he came to his senses." Luke 15:13-14, 16-17 (GW)

God: "You'll find me. . . . when you get serious about finding me and want it more than anything else." Jeremiah 29:13 (MSG)

2. "At last he came to his senses and said . . . 'Father, I have sinned against God and against you.'" Luke 15:17-18 (GNT)

"But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you." Isaiah 59:2 (NKJV)

"Be merciful to me, O God, because of your constant love. Because of your great mercy wipe away my sins! Wash away all my evil and make me clean from my sin!"

I recognize my faults; I am always conscious of my sins. I have sinned against you." Psalm 51:1-4 (GNT)

"Come, let's talk this over, says the Lord; no matter how deep the stain of your sins, I can take it out and make you as clean as freshly fallen snow." Isaiah 1:18 (TLB)

THE HABIT OF A REGULAR SPIRITUAL CHECK-UP:

"Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular checkups. . . . If you fail the test, do something about it." 2 Corinthians 13:5 (MSG)

"Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup." 1 Corinthians 11:28 (NIV)

3. The son drifted away saying, "Give me my share." Luke 15:12 (NIV)

He returned to the father saying, "Make me like one of your hired servants." Luke 15:19 (NIV)

"Because of God's great mercy to us I appeal to you: Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him. This is the true worship that you should offer." Romans 12:1 (GNT)

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Romans 12:2 (NIV)

THE FATHER'S RESPONSE

"Filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. . . . 'Bring the best.'" Luke 15:20, 22 (NIV)

4. "We must celebrate with a feast . . . He was lost and is found." So the party began. Luke 15:23-24 (TLB)

"Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him . . . his name is the LORD." Psalm 68:4 (ESV)

"I will sing to the LORD because he is good to me." Psalm 13:6 (NLT)

"On the night he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread and spoke a prayer of thanksgiving. He broke the bread and said, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.'" 1 Corinthians 11:23-24 (GW)

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FROM STRESSED TO BLESSED

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"Peace of mind makes the body healthy." Proverbs 14:30 (GNT)

"A relaxed attitude lengthens a man's life." Proverbs 14:30 (TLB)

7 SPIRITUAL HABITS THAT REDUCE STRESS

Psalm 23

1.

"The LORD is my shepherd; I have *all that I need*." Psalm 23:1 (NLT)

"Since he did not spare even his own Son for us but gave him up for us all, won't he also surely give us everything else?" Romans 8:32 (TLB)

2.

"He *makes me lie down*." Psalm 23:2 (NIV)

"Six days you shall work, but on *the seventh day you shall rest*. In plowing time and in harvest you shall rest." Exodus 34:21 (ESV)

3.

"He makes me lie down in *green pastures*. He leads me beside *still waters*. He restores my soul." Psalm 23:2-3 (ESV)

"You'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly." Philipians 4:8 (MSG)

4.

"He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake." Psalm 23:3 (NIV)

5.

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." Psalm 23:4 (ESV)

"When I am ready to give up, he knows what I should do." Psalm 142:3 (GNT)

6.

"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows." Psalm 23:5 (NIV)

"How I love you, Lord! You are my defender. The Lord is my protector; he is my strong fortress. My God is my protection, and with him I am safe. He protects me like a shield." Psalm 18:1-2 (GNT)

7.

"Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever." Psalm 23:6 (NIV)

Jesus: "*Come* to me, all who labor and are *heavy laden*, and I will give you rest. *Take* my yoke upon you, and *learn* from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will *find rest for your souls*. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Matthew 11:28-30 (RSV)

WHEN I'M "YOKED" WITH CHRIST, WE MOVE TOGETHER IN THE SAME DIRECTION AND THE SAME PACE

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CHANGE YOUR LIFE BY CHANGING YOUR MIND

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"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." Romans 12:2 (NLT)

WHY I MUST MANAGE MY MIND

- **BECAUSE** _____
"Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts."
Proverbs 4:23 (GNT)
- **BECAUSE** _____
"I love to do God's will so far as my new nature is concerned; but there is something else deep within me, in my lower nature, that is at war with my mind and wins the fight and makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. In my mind I want to be God's willing servant, but instead I find myself still enslaved to sin."
Romans 7:22-23 (TLB)
- **BECAUSE** _____
"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)

3 DAILY CHOICES FOR A HEALTHY MIND

1. **I MUST** _____
"A person cannot live on bread alone but on every word that God speaks."
Matthew 4:4 (GW)
- WHEN?** _____
"I rise early . . . I cry out for help and put my hope in your words."
Psalm 119:147 (NLT)
- "How I love your teachings! I think about them all day long." Psalm 119:97 (NCV)*
- "Even in the darkest of night, your teachings fill my mind." Psalm 16:7 (CEV)*

2. **I MUST** _____
"Those who are dominated by their sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit."
Romans 8:5 (NLT)

"For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NIV)

HOW TEMPTATION WORKS

"Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death." James 1:14-15 (NLT)

- Step 1: Desire
Step 2: Doubt "Did God really say . . . ?"
Step 3: Deception—Believing a lie of Satan
Step 4: Disobedience & Defeat

"I have made up my mind to obey your laws forever, no matter what."
Psalm 119:112 (CEV)

3. **I MUST** _____
 - _____
"Keep your mind on Jesus Christ!" 2 Timothy 2:8 (CEV)
 - _____
"Think about Jesus' example. He held on while wicked people were doing evil things to him. So do not get tired and stop trying." Hebrews 12:3 (NCV)
 - _____
"Don't just think about your own affairs, but be interested in others, too, and in what they are doing." Philippians 2:4 (TLB)
 - _____
"Let us think about each other and help each other to show love and do good deeds." Hebrews 10:24 (NCV)
 - _____
"Let heaven fill your thoughts; don't spend your time worrying about things down here." Colossians 3:2 (TLB)
 - _____
"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." 1 Corinthians 2:9 (NLT)

HOW TO DEAL WITH HOW YOU FEEL

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"The most important commandment is this: . . . you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength." Mark 12:29-30 (NLT)

UNDERSTAND MY EMOTIONS

- _____
- _____
"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness.'" Genesis 1:26 (NIV)

TWO EXTREMES TO AVOID:

EMOTIONALISM: _____

STOICISM: _____

- GOD GAVE US PSALMS TO UNDERSTAND OUR EMOTIONS

WHY I MUST LEARN TO MANAGE MY EMOTIONS

1. **BECAUSE** _____
"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death." Proverbs 14:12 (ESV)
2. **BECAUSE** _____
"Those who do not control themselves are like a city whose walls are broken down." Proverbs 25:28 (NCV)
"Be self-controlled and vigilant always, for your enemy the devil is always about, prowling like a lion roaring for its prey." 1 Peter 5:8 (PHILLIPS)
3. **BECAUSE** _____
"To be controlled by human nature results in death; to be controlled by the Spirit results in life and peace. . . . Those who obey their human nature cannot please God." Romans 8:6, 8 (GNT)

4. **BECAUSE** _____
"[Sinners] get lost and die because of their foolishness and lack of self-control." Proverbs 5:23 (CEV)

"From now on, then, you must live the rest of your earthly lives controlled by God's will and not by human desires." 1 Peter 4:2 (GNT)

HOW TO MANAGE AN UNWANTED FEELING

1. _____
Ask: _____
2. _____
Ask: _____
Eliphaz asked Job: "Why has your heart carried you away, and why do your eyes flash?" Job 15:12 (NIV)
3. _____
 - **EVERYDAY:** _____
"When the Holy Spirit controls our lives he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." Galatians 5:22-23 (TLB)
 - **EVERYDAY:** _____
"Self-control means controlling the tongue!" Proverbs 13:3 (TLB)
"May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD." Psalm 19:14 (NIV)

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FACING THE FEARS THAT RUIN RELATIONSHIPS

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"So [Eve] took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves. When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the LORD God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the LORD God among the trees. Then the LORD God called to the man, 'Where are you?' He replied, 'I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' the LORD God asked. 'Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the LORD God asked the woman, 'What have you done?' 'The serpent deceived me,' she replied. 'That's why I ate it.' . . . Then he said to the woman, 'I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy, and in pain you will give birth. And you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you.' And to the man he said, 'Since you listened to your wife and ate from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat, the ground is cursed because of you. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it. It will grow thorns and thistles for you, though you will eat of its grains. By the sweat of your brow will you have food to eat until you return to the ground from which you were made. For you were made from dust, and to dust you will return.'" Genesis 3:6-19 (NLT)

HOW OUR FEARS RUIN RELATIONSHIPS

1. _____
"He answered . . . 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.'"
Genesis 3:10 (GW)

"They suddenly felt shame at their nakedness." Genesis 3:7 (NLT)

"So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves." Genesis 3:7 (NLT)

"They hid from the LORD God among the trees." Genesis 3:8 (NLT)

2. _____
"God asked. 'Did you eat the fruit that I told you not to eat?'" Genesis 3:11 (GNT)

"[Adam] said, 'You gave this woman to me and she gave me fruit from the tree, so I ate it.'" Genesis 3:12 (NCV)

"[Eve] replied, 'The snake tricked me into eating it.'" Genesis 3:13 (GNT)

3. _____
The result of their sin:
"You'll want to please your husband, but he'll lord it over you."
Genesis 3:16 (MSG)

"He will dominate you." Genesis 3:16 (ISV)

THE ANTIDOTE: _____
"Where God's love is, there is no fear, because God's perfect love drives out fear. It is punishment that makes a person fear." 1 John 4:18 (NCV)

1. **EVERYDAY SURRENDER** _____
"Surrender your heart to God, turn to him in prayer, and give up your sins—even those you do in secret. Then you won't be ashamed; you will be confident and fearless. Your troubles will go away like water beneath a bridge, and your darkest night will be brighter than noon. You will rest safe and secure, filled with hope and emptied of worry." Job 11:13-18 (CEV)

2. **EVERYDAY REMEMBER** _____

- I'M _____
"[Jesus] made us acceptable to God." Titus 3:7 (CEV)
- I'M _____
"My love for you will never end.' . . . says the LORD." Isaiah 54:10 (GNT)
- I'M _____
"There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."
Romans 8:1 (NIV)

• I'M _____
"You have been bought and paid for by Christ." 1 Corinthians 7:23 (TLB)

3. **EVERYDAY OFFER** _____
"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you." Romans 15:7 (NIV)
"Love never stops being patient, never stops believing, never stops hoping, never gives up." 1 Corinthians 13:7 (GW)

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TRANSFORMING HOW I SEE AND USE MONEY

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STORY OF THE SHREWD MANAGER: LUKE 16:1-13

Jesus: "There was once a rich man who had a servant who managed his property. The rich man was told that the manager was wasting his master's money, so he called him in and said, 'What is this I hear about you? Turn in a complete account of your handling of my property, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' The servant said to himself, 'My master is going to dismiss me from my job. What shall I do? I am not strong enough to dig ditches, and I am ashamed to beg. Now I know what I will do! Then when my job is gone, I shall have friends who will welcome me in their homes.' So he called in all the people who were in debt to his master. He asked the first one, 'How much do you owe my master?' 'One hundred barrels of olive oil,' he answered. 'Here is your account,' the manager told him; 'sit down and write fifty.' Then he asked another one, 'And you—how much do you owe?' 'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he answered. 'Here is your account,' the manager told him; 'write eight hundred.' As a result the master of this dishonest manager praised him for doing such a shrewd thing; because the people of this world are much more shrewd in handling their affairs than the people who belong to the light." Luke 16:1-8 (GNT)

WHAT NOT TO DO WITH MONEY

1. _____
 "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions." Luke 16:1 (NIV)
2. _____
 "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." Luke 16:13 (NIV)
3. _____
 "What am I going to do? I've lost my job." Luke 16:3 (MSG)
 "Your money can be gone in a flash, as if it had grown wings and flown away like an eagle." Proverbs 23:5 (GNT)
4. _____
 "Whoever loves money will never be satisfied with money. Whoever loves wealth will never be satisfied with more income." Ecclesiastes 5:10 (GW)
 "Guard against all kinds of greed. Life is not measured by how much one owns." Luke 12:15 (NCV)

WHAT TO REMEMBER EVERYDAY

1. _____
 "There was once a rich man who had a servant who managed his property." Luke 16:1 (GNT)
2. _____
 - **IT SHOWS** _____
 "Don't store up treasures here on earth . . . Store your treasures in heaven . . . Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be." Matthew 6:19-21 (NLT)
 - **IT SHOWS** _____
 "Whoever trusts his riches will fall, but righteous people will flourish like a green leaf." Proverbs 11:28 (GW)
 - **IT SHOWS** _____
 "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. If you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?" Luke 16:10 – 12 (NIV)
3. _____
 "I tell you, 'use your worldly wealth.'" Luke 16:9 (NIV)
 - **HE** _____ (Verse 3)
 "The wise man looks ahead. The fool attempts to fool himself and won't face facts." Proverbs 14:8 (TLB)
 - **HE** _____ (Verse 4)
 "We should make plans—counting on God to direct us." Proverbs 16:9 (TLB)
 - **HE** _____ (Verses 5-6)
4. _____
 Jesus: "I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, they will welcome you into your eternal dwelling." Luke 16:9 (NIV)
5. _____
 "What is this I hear concerning you? Give the account of your stewardship, for you are not able to manage any longer." Luke 16:2 (BLB)
6. _____
 "To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance." Matthew 25:29 (NLT)

FACING GIANTS IN LIFE AND WORK

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1 Samuel 17:1-52

"Now the Philistines gathered their forces for war . . . The Philistines occupied one hill and the Israelites another, with the valley between them. A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp." 1 Samuel 17:1, 3-4 (NIV)

"Then Goliath, a Philistine champion from Gath, came out of the Philistine ranks to face the forces of Israel. He was over nine feet tall! He wore a bronze helmet, and his bronze coat of mail weighed 125 pounds. He also wore bronze leg armor, and he carried a bronze javelin on his shoulder. The shaft of his spear was as heavy and thick as a weaver's beam, tipped with an iron spearhead that weighed 15 pounds. His armor bearer walked ahead of him carrying a shield." 1 Samuel 17:4-7 (NLT)

1. LESSONS FROM DAVID FACING GOLIATH

2. THE OTHER 'GIANTS' DAVID HAD TO FACE

1. DELAY: _____

"David was the son of Jesse, . . . the youngest. Jesse's three oldest sons followed Saul, but David went back and forth from Saul to Bethlehem, where he took care of his father's sheep." 1 Samuel 17:12, 14-15 (NCV)

2. DISCOURAGEMENT: _____

"Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, 'Why do you come out and line up for battle?'" 1 Samuel 17:8 (NIV)

"Choose one man to come down here and fight me! If he kills me, then we will be your slaves. But if I kill him, you will be our slaves! I defy the armies of Israel today! Send me a man who will fight me!' When Saul and the Israelites heard this, they were terrified and deeply shaken." 1 Samuel 17:8-11 (NLT)

"For forty days, every morning and evening, the Philistine champion strutted in front of the Israelite army." 1 Samuel 17:16 (NLT)

"As [David] was talking with [his brothers], Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, came out from the Philistine ranks. Then David heard him shout his usual taunt to the army of Israel." 1 Samuel 17:23 (NLT)

"When the Israelites saw Goliath, they ran away in terror."

1 Samuel 17:24 (GNT)

3. DISAPPROVAL: _____

"David asked the men who stood near him, 'What will be done to reward the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the shame from Israel?'"

1 Samuel 17:26 (NCV)

"David's oldest brother Eliab heard him talking with the soldiers. Eliab was angry with him and said, 'What are you doing here, anyway? Who's taking care of your little flock of sheep out in the desert? You spoiled brat! You came here just to watch the fighting, didn't you?' 'Now what have I done?' David answered. 'Can't I even ask a question?'" 1 Samuel 17:28-29 (CEV)

4. DOUBT: _____

"Don't worry about this Philistine," David told Saul. 'I'll go fight him!' 'Don't be ridiculous!' Saul replied. 'There's no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You're only a boy, and he's been a man of war since his youth.'"

1 Samuel 17:32-33 (NLT)

HOW TO DEFEAT GIANTS

1. _____
"I, your servant, have been keeping my father's sheep. . . . I, your servant, have killed both a lion and a bear! . . . The Lord who saved me from a lion and a bear will save me from this Philistine." 1 Samuel 17:34, 36-37 (NCV)

2. _____
"Then Saul gave David his own armor . . . 'I can't go in these,' [David] protested to Saul. 'I'm not used to them.' So David took them off again. He picked up five smooth stones . . . and sling." 1 Samuel 17:38-40 (NLT)

3. _____
"And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him . . . but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God." 1 Samuel 30:6 (KJV)

4. _____
"David replied to [Goliath], 'You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of Heaven's Armies . . . Today the LORD will conquer you . . . and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel! And everyone assembled here will know that the LORD rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. This is the LORD's battle, and he will give you to us!'"
1 Samuel 17:45-47 (NLT)