

## **HOW GOD CHANGES US**

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"And we all, with unveiled face, continually seeing as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are progressively being transformed into His image from [one degree of] glory to [even more] glory, which comes from the Lord." 2 Corinthians 3:18 (AMP)

#### **6 Elements God Uses**

### 1. TRANSFORMATION REQUIRES \_\_\_\_\_

"Christ chose some of us to be apostles, prophets, missionaries, pastors, and teachers, so his people <u>would learn</u> to serve and his body <u>would grow strong</u>. This will continue until we are united by our faith and by our understanding of the Son of God. <u>Then we will be mature</u>, 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 immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church." Ephesians 4:14-15 (NLT)

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

### 3. TRANSFORMATION REQUIRES

"You must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the <u>futility of their thinking</u>. <u>They are darkened</u> in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of <u>the ignorance that is in them</u> due to the <u>hardening of their hearts</u>. Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed." Ephesians 4:17-19 (NIV)

"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 any 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?

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### 5. TRANSFORMATION REQUIRES

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

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

"Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed, so that what you say will do good to those who hear you."

Ephesians 4:29 (GNT)

### 6. TRANSFORMATION REQUIRES

"Now glory be to God, who 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—infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes." Ephesians 3:20 (TLB)

"I <u>can do</u> all things. . . through Him <u>who strengthens and empowers me</u> . . . I am <u>ready</u> for anything and equal to anything through Him who <u>infuses me with inner strength</u> and confident peace." Philippians 4:13 (AMP)

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



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