

Message notes

I Can't Change

Wrong Thinking - Part 1

1. Believe that the power to change is a **GIFT**.

"They should gently teach effectively and be patient with difficult people. They should teach those who oppose the truth. Perhaps God will change those people's hearts, and they will believe the truth. Then they will come to their senses and escape from the Devil's trap. For they have been held captive by him to do whatever he wants."

2 Timothy 2:25-26

2. Receive the gift of repentance, the gift to change by **FAITH**.

I need to believe that every good gift comes from the _____.

"Whatever is good and perfect comes to us from God above, who created all the heavens lights. Unlike them, he never changes or causes shifting shadows. In his goodness he chose to make us his own children by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his choice possession." James 1:17-18. (NLT)

3. All change begins by believing you are loved by **God**.

God's word is not talking about some intellectual understanding that He loves you. But believe and experience God's _____.

"Don't you realize that it is God's lovingkindness that is trying to lead you to Him and change the way you think and act"

Romans 2:4 (GWT)

Notice in that verse His love & kindness changes the way we think, it turns you from your sins, it changes the way you think... then it changes the way we act.

4. Believe in the process that leads to _____.

Don't worry, Don't change course if it doesn't happen right away. Don't worry if it doesn't happen the first time, the second time or even the third time... and when those thoughts come in saying to you, see I knew you couldn't do it or you never will make it, I can't change... Remember, It's happening, and it will continue to happen as long as your following God's way... Staying in His word daily, staying in the fellowship, being involved with the ministries that we have here at Calvary... these are the keys to this progress.

Read Mark 8:22-26.

6. Re-define yourself _____ as what God says about you.

We need to redefine who and what I am as a Christian, in Christ. Disconnect from your past definition of yourself, of your habits, of your traits and of your limitations. Disconnect from them, because you are being changed into a new person, old things are passed away new things, new thoughts, new believing is who you are now in your relationship with Christ.

"...And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him and reflect his glory even more."

2 Corinthians 3:18

I am redefined... Why? Because it is no longer I that live with all my limitations, with all of my old traits and old habits but it is Christ living thru me which makes all things possible to those who have faith in Him who believe in Him that He can change us.

MEDITATE ON IT & SAY IT:

God has given me the gift to change. I can change my habits, emotions and life by changing the way I think. I submit to the process of renewing my mind, and I expect divine progress and supernatural change. I believe the love that God has for me, and that produces change in me. I refuse to accept past definitions and limitations of myself. As I embrace God's view of me through the mirror of His Word, I am being changed into His image, in Jesus' Name.