

CCC I Cant Change Wrong Thinking - Part 1

As we launch into our new series called, Wrong Thinking, we need to start by believing in the possibilities of what can happen in your life. Nothing is impossible to the man or woman who conquers their thought life. God is with you. God is for you, and the best news of all: God is working IN you!

Today we're going on a hunger strike, today I want us to start refusing, I want us to stop allowing the thought that says: "I Can't Change!" We've all felt at times like we can't change a certain habit. We've all felt at times like we can't change our characteristics about ourselves. Perhaps you have just accepted the idea that you'll always be easily angered, that being afraid is just part of who you, or you've accepted that worry is just who you are. Well, that's just what this series Wrong Thinking

is all about. As we change our thought patterns and mindsets, ANYTHING can change. And changing our mindsets is simply a process of replacing defective thoughts with biblical mindsets. So, if you've felt like you can't change, you CAN... and I pray that you will join me in starting that journey with me to change it today:

Prayer:

1. Believe that the power to change is a GIFT. 2

Timothy 2:25-26 says, *"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."* God grants 'repentance', or another way to say it, 'the power to change', as a gift.

What is repentance, repentance is to change from unto something, So we change from our thinking to God's thinking, I repent of my ways of thinking in those areas of my life that I say I can't and draw to the power that gives me the ability to experience lasting change in any area of our life and what is this... it is a gift from God to you.

2. Receive the gift of repentance or “the gift to change”,

by **FAITH**. I need to believe that every good gift comes from the Father. Listen to James 1:17-18. *“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.”* God word, the bible directs you and I to those things that are good and perfect for my life. So what I need

to do when god reveals to me His good and perfect way... I need to receive this through the gift of repentance, in other words I need to turn from the way I am doing things and turn to His ways of doing things, because His way is perfect and good for me.

Now we hear this, we understand this but why don't we repent or change from our ways... I think it is because we don't really believe or think that God loves me unconditionally. I think we all struggle with God love for us... But listen to number 3.

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

Now God's word is not talking about some intellectual understanding that He loves you. But believe and experience that love. Romans 2:4b says, *"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"* 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. All lasting change begins by surrendering my thought life to the Word of God (Romans 12:2).

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4. Believe in the process that leads to PROGRESS.

What I am saying is don't worry if it doesn't happen right away. Don't worry if it doesn't happen the first time, if it doesn't happen the second time, if it doesn't happen the third time... and when those thoughts come in saying to you... you never will make it, you can't... Remember, It's happening, and it will continue to happen as long as your following God's way... Staying in the word daily, stay in the fellowship being involved with the ministries that we have here at Calvary... Praying and fellowship.... Don't

worry if it doesn't happen right away you are in the process that leads to progress and it will happen God promise it to you and why does He promise it to you, because He loves you. It is not obtaining that matters it is the continuing to believe, it's the continuing to keep trying that brings the progress. In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus touched the blind man once, than touched him again, before he was completely healed. Read Mark 8:22-26. Believe in the process and the journey that God takes you on and follow it, stay on it, because it will bring Christ like progress in your life. So what does that mean it means we have to:

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

We need to redefine who and what I am as a Christian. Disconnect from your past definition of your habits, of your traits and of your limitations. 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. 2 Corinthians 3:18 says, "... *And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him and reflect his glory even more.*" I am redefined... Why? Because it is no longer I that live with all my limitations, with all of my traits and 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.

Next week we will be talking about How to handle the thoughts that says: "Even if I change, it won't last because I always fall back."

I understand and battle with the same thing... Often we start to have hope; we start to see some things change in us; then we seem to backtrack or expect to fall back into the same attitudes, habits or emotions. It doesn't have to stay that way. Are you ready for that cycle to come to an end.

Let's CHANGE IT NOW: