

Lord Change Me

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I. Introduction.

II. Change is possible. We have the potential to be everything God wants us to be. (Romans 5:2; 2 Corinthians 5:17)

III. Sources of change.

A. The world. (Romans 12:2; Proverbs 23:7)

B. The flesh. (Galatians 5:19-21; 5:16-17)

1. Pray that God would change our selfish desires. (Psalm 139:23-24)

2. We cannot change from our own understanding. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

C. The Devil. (Matthew 4:10; Luke 22:3; Acts 5:3)

1. The mind is the battlefield, and we must use the Word of God as an input to escape Satan's lies.

2. Satan is the father of lies. (John 8:32)

D. God, himself.

IV. Ways God wants to change us.

A. To look more like him and less like our old selves. (Ephesians 4:20-24)

B. To look more like the fruit of the Spirit. (Galatians 5:22-23)

C. From the bondage of sin to the freedom in Christ Jesus. (Hebrews 12:1)

D. From being squeezed into the world's mold. (Romans 12:2)

1. Transformation. (Romans 12:2)

2. Conformed to the Son of God. (Romans 8:29)

3. Change. (Colossians 1:6)

V. We can know what areas need changed by...

A. Asking God.

B. Noting what we see in others.

C. Reviewing possible areas of change.

D. Check yourself against the Word of God. (Ephesians 4:29-32; 5; Galatians 5; 1 Peter 3; 2 Timothy 3:1-3)

VI. How we can be changed.

A. Inviting Jesus in as savior.

B. The Spirit puts his finger on something specific. (Romans 8:13)

C. Obeying the Word of God. (Titus 1:1-2)

D. Change comes from taking a good look at Jesus. (2 Corinthians 2:18; Hebrews 12:2; Philippians 2:13)

E. Take positive action.

1. Deal with sin when God points it out right away.

2. Discipline yourself with the Lord's help. (1 Timothy 4:7)

3. Endure. (1 Peter 4:1)

F. Waiting on God. (Psalm 37:24; Isaiah 40:29-31)

VII. What will happen: our lives will be renewed. (Isaiah 40:31)

Application questions:

1. What are some religious ways change that are not God's ways of change?

2. What are some barriers in your life to change? How can these be overcome?

3. What is your plan for personal change in one of the areas the speaker listed? Be specific.
