

“Perfecting Believers Series - 2”

(A Bible Teaching Series Challenging Believers to Be Complete in Every Way)

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“Preaching the Good News and Perfecting Believers IS the Business of the Church.”

PBS-2 Topic: The Courage to Change – Part Two

(How to Change in Any Area of Your Life To Make Your Life Better)

❖ **Three Steps** toward bringing change into your life.

THE Personal Change Question: What changes must I make in my life in order to have a better life, a more fulfilling life and a more productive life?

Part Two: Three Steps Toward Bringing Change into Your Life

I. You can bring powerful change into your life by developing the C _____ S _____ for Dealing with Change.

1. _____ Change **Exodus 8:20 (KJV)** Then the LORD said to Moses, “Get up early in the morning and confront Pharaoh . . . , ‘This is what the LORD says: Let my people go.’ **1 Corinthians 16:13 (NIV)** Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage [be brave]; be strong.

Skill Set #1 for Dealing with Change: Inquiry, Understanding, Open-Mindedness, Bold Face-to-Face Encounter (Proverbs 28:1 (NIV) – The righteous are as bold as a lion.)

“My personal challenge is to have the courage to **confront** changes in my life (workplace AND my church).”

2. _____ Change **Matthew 18:3-4 (NIV) (Greek: *strophō*)** _____

Matthew 18:3-4 (NIV) And he said: “I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Skill Set #2 for Dealing with Change: Getting Your Arms Around It, Recognizing, Accepting that Some Change IS Necessary

“My personal challenge is to have the courage to **embrace** changes in my life (workplace AND my church).”

Personal Challenge: I will have the courage to change in my life (workplace AND my church].

3. _____ and _____ change. **Philippians 4:11 (NIV)**

Philippians 4:11 (NIV) for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. (I’ll just deal with it and handle it. It won’t handle me.”)

Philippians 4:12 (NIV) I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

Philippians 4:13 (KJV) I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

The SMART approach: IF change must happen, (It IS inevitable.) I might as well be the one to help direct it!

Skill Set #3 for Dealing with Change: Vision, Leading, Motivating, Strategy, Planning, Goal Setting, Evaluation

“My personal challenge is to have the courage to **direct and manage** change in my life (workplace AND my church).”

II. Developing a Positive Empowering God-Self Image

Genesis 1:26-28 (KJV) – Key Words: Image of God (Male and Female); Fruitful, Dominion, Subdue

Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

The ability to A _____ and G _____, is the ability to CHANGE. It is part of the human nature implanted by God to assist humans in responding to D _____. This ability to adapt and adjust helps humans to S _____ and T _____ no matter what difficulties they face.

The greatest inner power given to humankind is the power to D _____.

However, after the decision to change has been made there MUST also come with that resolve the power to P _____ in order to receive the benefits of the decision.

III. The Deeper Meaning of 2 Corinthians 5:17 and the Power to Change

New Creature = New I _____, New D _____, New S _____ – D _____,

New M _____, a New View of the W _____, indeed a New View regarding _____.

Panel Discussion: “Why people can’t change – even when they want to.”



Without Change, Your Life
Might Be Headed For A

There are four powerful strongholds that prevent many from changing even when they want to. (These are not in any particular order.)

Stronghold # 1 – Because of: _____

Panelist: Ron Simmons

Stronghold # 2 – Because of: _____

Panelist: Larry Edmondson

Stronghold # 3 – Because of: _____ **Panelist:** Dr. Elaine Walton

Stronghold # 4 – Because of: _____ **Panelist:** Arleta Houston

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