

God's 3 Fold Transformation

Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him.
And a threefold cord is not quickly broken. (Ecclesiastes 4:12. NKJV)

Therefore I urge you brothers, in view of God's mercy to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual (reasonable) act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12:1/2)

Transformation 3 Decisions to make

1. Give God my body: He will live in me by the Holy Spirit 1 Corinthians 3:16. 6:19
2. Change the way you think: Renewing your mind with God's Word is essential as it will change how you speak and act. If you choose not to do this then you will struggle with the world, the flesh (sinful nature) & the devil. Ephesians 4:20-32
3. Living to please God in every area of my life, recognising that God's plan is best for me as it is good and perfect. We need to seek (pursue) God and His Kingdom rule in our life. Matthew 6:9-15, 25-34.

Transformation 3 Areas to develop

Personal Relationships

Christianity is not about keeping rules in order to please God but about having a personal relationship. The most important issue is to know God and be known by him. Galatians 4:8/9. It is not so much about **what** you know but **who** you know.

“Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom you have sent”. John 17:3

Jesus replied, “If anyone loves me he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.” John 14:23

Paul wrote, “What is more I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord ____ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. Philippians 3:8-10

Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong and carry out great exploits.
Daniel 11:32 NKJV “Will resist him firmly” (NIV)

Meeting with God in the secret place is the key to the rest of our life.

Under the old covenant we had no access to the presence of God, but Jesus has changed all that by his sacrificial death for our sins. Through him we have access to the presence of the Living God.

“Therefore since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.” Hebrews 10:19-22. See also Hebrews 4:12-16

We develop our relationship by making time to spend with God through reading our Bibles, prayer and fasting. What we do on our own will be strengthened when we come together. Switch off all your technology and shut yourself in with God, this is the first key to being transformed, which will also transform your relationships with people around you.

Praying Right

One of the questions the disciples asked Jesus was “Lord teach us to pray” Many people pray to many different gods and idols but have no visible proof of answered prayer. Sadly many Christians pray but they see very little fruit as a result of their prayers so become discouraged and give up.

Quotes from other speakers;

“Much prayer = much power/blessing, Little prayer = little power/ blessing,
No prayer =????”

“Prayer is the foundation for your success”

“Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare (emergency) wheel?”

“No man is greater than his prayer life”

Praying is not about how long we pray but praying in line with God’s will, in faith and walking in love and forgiveness towards all people.

1 John 5:14/15. Mark 11:20-26. Matthew 6:5-8, 7:7-12.

In Matthew 6:9-15 Jesus models for us how to pray for ourselves.

1. Worship the Lord for who He is and use His names
2. Pray for His rule and authority to be released into our:
Personal life, Marriage, Family, Home
Neighbourhood, Workplace, Schools etc.
3. Submit our will to His will so we live to please him
4. Asking for your needs to be met and giving thanks
5. Repentance for me and forgiveness to others
6. Protection and deliverance from all attacks of the Devil
7. Return to worship knowing that the Lord is in control.

Another good example of prayer is found in Ephesians 1:15-23, 3:14-21.

In these passages Paul is praying for all the members of the church that they would experience seven realities in their lives both individually and corporately. It is important to note that this can only happen through the person and works of the Holy Spirit as each of us are open to him. Let’s look at these seven realities, using them to help us pray in line with God’s will.

Holy Spirit please grant us wisdom and revelation that we might know:

1. Know God as our Father. Eph. 1:17
2. Know the Hope of our calling. Eph. 1:18
3. Know the Riches of His inheritance in the Saints. Eph. 1:18
4. Know the Greatness of God's Power. Eph. 1:19
5. Know Christ Living in our Heart. Eph. 3:17
6. Know the Reality of Christ's Love. Eph. 3:17-19
7. Know the Fullness of God. Eph. 3:19

There are many other references to prayer in the Bible, another way to pray is to meditate on a passage then start praying it back to the Lord. When Jesus taught on prayer he also included giving and fasting. (Matthew 6:1-4, & 16-18)

Power Received

Before Jesus crucifixion he spent time alone with his disciples and telling them that He was leaving but the Father would send the Holy Spirit to be with them but also in them. Also he instructed them not to leave Jerusalem till they had been clothed with power from on high (Luke 24:49) and in Acts 1:4-8 He tells them that they will be baptised with The Holy Spirit and receive power that would change their lives.

Holy Spirit He is:

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| 1. The presence of God | 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 |
| 2. The power of God | Acts 1:8 |
| 3. To be respected by all people | Mark 3:28-29 |
| 4. He was and is involved in our salvation | Hebrews 9:14 |
| 5. He is the hallmark (administrator) of the local church | Ephesians 2:22 |

Holy Spirit why we need Him

Based on John 14:15-31. 16:5-16

1. Abides with us and in us
2. Teaches and reminds us of truth
3. Comforts us
4. Makes Jesus a reality to us
5. Testifies of/to Jesus
6. Brings glory to Jesus
7. Convicts of sin righteousness and judgement

Holy Spirit what He does for us.

Makes Jesus real

He Lives in us we are God's temples

1 Corinthians 3:16/17, 6:18-20

He will release the power of God in us to do the works of Jesus

John 14:12

He produces fruit in our lives (character of Jesus)

Galatians 5:16-26

He gives gifts to every member of the church

1 Corinthians 12:1 – 14:40

These gifts are given: To **edify** (to build each other up)

To **exhort** (to stir each other up) To **encourage** (bind each other up)

To **equip** (fill up and cover our weakness and lacks)

To **extend** (for the extension and expansion of God's Kingdom in the world)

Transformation 3 actions to take

“You were taught with regard to your former way of life to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires, to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:22-24.

First we need to actively finish with the old way of life that we used to live outside of Christ. Also it would be good to ask the Holy Spirit if there are areas of our life that still need to be cleaned out. Hebrews 12:1-3.

Second we need to constantly change how think and let God’s Word be the deciding factor in what we believe, think, say and do. Luke 6:45

Third we have to replace the old way of thinking and living with the new. Our role is to live in dependence upon the Holy Spirit so he can reproduce in us the life of Jesus in attitude, word and deeds. 2 Peter 1:5-11.

Right thinking leads to Right speaking resulting in Right Actions. Psalm 1:1-6

Below are confessions based on God’s Word, which can help you, use them on a regular basis for maximum benefit.

My body is a temple for the Holy Spirit; redeemed, cleansed and sanctified by the blood of Jesus. My members, the parts of my body are instruments of righteousness yielded to God for His service and for His glory. The devil has no power over me, no unsettled claims against me; all has been settled by the blood of Jesus. I overcome Satan by the blood of the Lamb and the word of my testimony and I love not my life to the death. My body is for the Lord and the Lord is for my body. (D. Prince “God’s word Heals”)

Through the Blood of Jesus, I am redeemed out of the hand of the devil.

Through the Blood of Jesus all my sins are forgiven.

Through the Blood of Jesus I am continually being cleansed from all sin.

Through the Blood of Jesus, I am justified, made righteous; just-as-if-I’d never sinned.

Through the Blood of Jesus, I am sanctified, made holy, set apart to God.

Through the Blood of Jesus, I have boldness to enter into the presence of God.

The Blood of Jesus cries out continually to God in heaven on my behalf.

Based on the following scripture: Revelation 12:11; Ephesians 1:7; 1 John 1:7-9; Romans 5:9; Hebrews 13:12; 10:19; 12:24.

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