

TRANSFORMATION THROUGH THE POWER OF GOD

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To transform is to change the appearance or nature of completely. It is to metamorphose; as a caterpillar transformed into a butterfly.

To transform in theology means, to change the natural disposition and temper of man from a state of enmity to God and his law, into the image of God, or into a disposition and temper conformed to the will of God.

Transformation is the act of transforming or process of being transformed. Only God can transform a man.

It is God's desire that those who come to Him and believe in His saving grace be transformed from a sinner to a saint; from a negative person to a positive person; from a doubter to a believer; from a pessimist to an optimist; from a failure to a success; from sickness to health; from discouragement to courage; from fear to faith; from anxiety to rest; from criminality to godliness; from poverty to riches; from son of man to son of God.

God's desire is to make us like Him – strong in love and in character, victorious and successful in all endeavours of life.

Jesus did not come to this earth so we remain the same. He came to change us from inside out. Until a man is internally regenerated through the new birth via faith in Jesus Christ, he cannot live free from sin and please God. Holiness is only possible through Christ.

No one makes it in life through negative thoughts. Until your thought is changed from negative to positive, there can be no success. The renewal of the mind through the word of God changes a man's mental attitude; and attitude determines response and reaction to life issues, approach to matters, and outcome of events in a man's life.

Rom 12:2

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New mindset based on the word of God:

- Will transform your love life, relationships and marriage.
- It will transform your health and make you healthier.
- It will transform your business and make it more successful.
- It will transform your person and make you more productive.
- It will transform your character as it makes you to change your perspective to life.

PROCESS OF TRANSFORMATION

1. Submit to God and decide to please Him the rest of your life.

James 4:7-8

7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

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No man can resist temptation successfully except he first submit to the truth of God's word. What you have not agreed with you cannot resist the temptation to go against it. Until sin becomes utterly sinful to you based on the revelation of God's word, you can never resist the devil when he tempts you to sin. So it is in every area of life. Search the scriptures and believe it with all your heart. Agree with God and take your stand against the devil and all his lies and you will be a winner any day any time.

Decide to please God the rest of your life. Refuse to be God's enemy no matter the temptation that may come your way. Remember this always, God is for you and on your side and not against you. It is the devil who pretends to love you, but actually hates you with passion and wants to destroy you.

2. Be devoted to renewing your mind through aggressive and systematic study of God's word.

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Commit yourself to renewing your mind through the word of God. Transformation is only possible through renewing of the mind. Your pattern of thoughts can only produce the same results until the pattern changes. It is what you think that manifests in your life. Your life is only a reflection of your thoughts. So you need to change your pattern of thoughts to change your lifestyle and experiences.

Here is how to go about it:

- Study your Bible with zeal and passion.
- Read Christian books to gain more light from those God has enlightened.
- Invest in teaching tapes, CDs and recorded messages that contain great truths that will build you up.
- Attend Bible study classes regularly with passion and a determination to learn more and grow faster and stronger.
- Meditate on the word to digest the truths discovered.

- Personalize the scriptures by putting yourself in the picture.

3. Believe the word of God and determine to live by it.

Rom 16:26

26 but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey him-
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The word of God was documented and given to us that we might live by it. The word of God is the judge at the end of time. Accept it as the final authority on every subject and be quick to obey. Never drag your feet in doing what God says. Train yourself to obey it with pleasure and you will be blessed greatly. God is committed to blessing and promoting anyone who is humble, repentant and is quick to obey Him.

Isa 66:2

"This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word.
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4. Change the picture in your head to agree with the truth discovered from the word of God.

As you discover the truth of God's word, let it renew and change the way you see, think, process information, decide, make choices, respond and react to situations and people. See yourself the way God sees you. Carry the picture God has painted in His word in your mind. See yourself always in the light of God's word. Never doubt the truth. You are who God says you are. You have what God says you have. You can do what God says you can do. You will become what He says you will become. God has the final authority and anything He says is final and cannot be changed. The more you see yourself the way God has described you, the more you are transformed into it. It is your faith and expectation that brings it into manifestation.

Rom 6:11

11 In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.
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Matt 5:14

14 "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.
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This is who you are indeed. Believe it. Walk in the consciousness of it.

5. Think and talk positively based on the truth believed. Speak in faith all the time.

Prov 23:7

7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

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Prov 4:23

Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts.

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2 Cor 4:13

13 It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak,

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Always remember that your thoughts give birth to your words. The things you give your mind to will flow out of your mouth. Give your mind to meditating on the word of God and it will flow out of your mouth. Choose to speak in agreement with God's word. To do that you also have to choose to think in line with God's word. Be a positive thinker and talker. Positive thinking is faith thinking based on the truth of God's word. You cannot be different from whom God says you are.

6. Face life – vision and challenges, career, and relationships with the mentality of God, and you will experience a transformed life in every area of your life.

1 John 5:4-5

4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

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You are an overcomer by birth in Christ. The new birth gives you the nature, life and power of God so you cannot be defeated in life. Face challenges with the mentality of a winner for everyone born of God overcomes the world. Believe in who you are in Christ. You are not an ordinary man. You are a supernatural being. You are born from above. You are born of God. His life, nature and Spirit are in you. You are an overcomer. You will always overcome any and every challenge. Just believe it and never doubt your capacity to overcome and achieve your dreams and pursuits in life. He is committed to backing you up and helping you win.