


Theme: Transformation of Our Lives


# Life-Long Life-Change

What contributes to Life-Long Life-Change in the believer?

## INTRODUCTION - Problems In Relationships

- ❖ Marital Strife in Christian Marriages
- ❖ Integrity Issues with Believers
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- ❖ Relative Immaturity - Moodiness
- ❖ Meant Well But Wrong Approach



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- ❖ Misunderstandings - Easily Offended - Touchy
- ❖ Wrong Presumptions and Assumptions
- ❖ Words Come Out Wrongly
- ❖ Not Gracious
- ❖ Rude and Arrogant
- ❖ Discipleship Issue
- ❖ Religion vs Relationship with God



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## What Contributes to Life-Long Life-Change in the believer?




- I. We need to have ongoing **encounters** with God.
  1. This may begin with an **initial** significant encounter with God.

Conversion Experience  
 Alpha Day Away  
 Significant Breakthrough of Issues in Life  
Seminars  
 Conferences  
 Church Camp  
Whilst Reading a Book  
 Baptism of the Holy Spirit



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  2. We must then move on to have **continual** encounters with God.

Seeing God coming through on His Promises  
 Special Protection  
 Answered Prayer  
Divine Protection  
 Daily Sense of Presence of God  
 Healings  
 Divine Intervention  
Miracles  
 Knowing God is dealing with me  
 Special Favor



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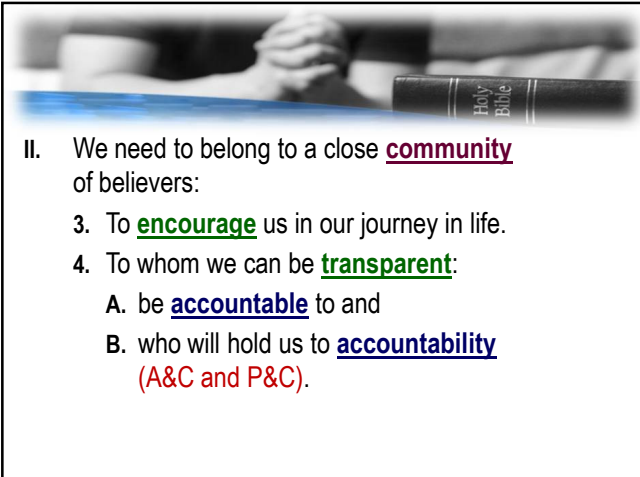
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**2 Corinthians 3:18**  
But we all, with unveiled face, **beholding** as in a mirror **the glory of the Lord**, are **being transformed** into the same image from **glory to glory**, just as **by the Spirit** of the Lord.



II. We need to belong to a close **community** of believers:

1. The danger of today's **virtual** community from social networking.
2. Our close community should include our **spouse**, **close friends** and **certain members of our CG - believers in church/Kingdom**.



II. We need to belong to a close **community** of believers:

3. To **encourage** us in our journey in life.
4. To whom we can be **transparent**:
  - A. be **accountable** to and
  - B. who will hold us to **accountability** (A&C and P&C).



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**Range of Mentoring Relationships**

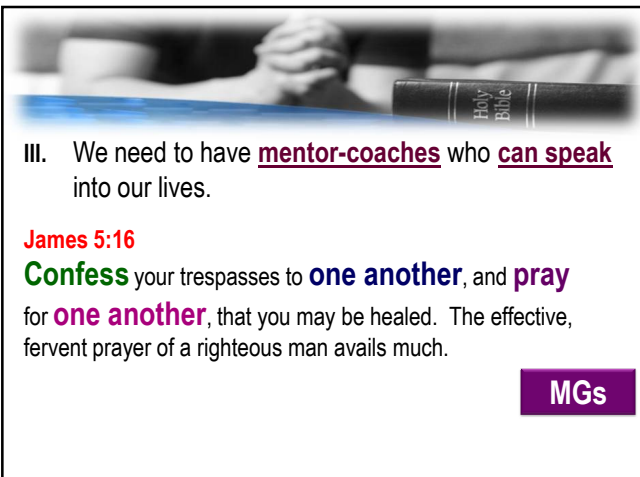
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Sponsor      Counselor      Spiritual Guide

From **Passive** to **Intensive**

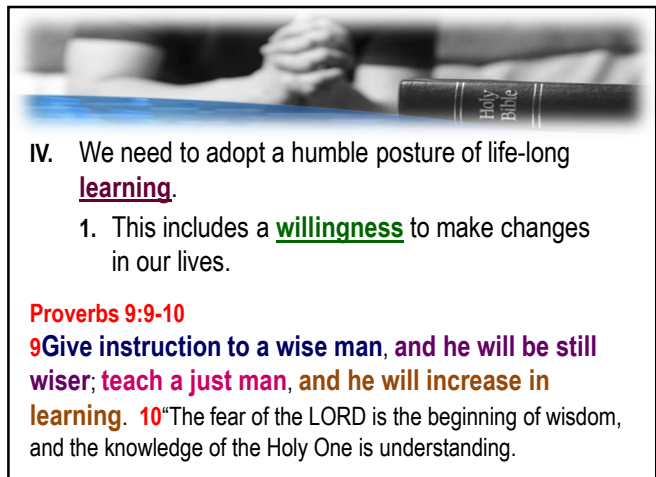
From **Less** to **More Deliberate**



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**James 5:16**  
**Confess** your trespasses to **one another**, and **pray** for **one another**, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.


**MGs**



IV. We need to adopt a humble posture of life-long **learning**.

1. This includes a **willingness** to make changes in our lives.

**Proverbs 9:9-10**  
**9**Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; **teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.** **10**"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.




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**Hebrews 12:1** (AMP)  
**THEREFORE THEN**, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses ... let us **strip off** and **throw aside** every **encumbrance** (unnecessary weight) and that **sin** which so readily (*deftly and cleverly*) clings to and **entangles us**, and let us run with **patient endurance** and **steady** and **active persistence** the appointed course of the race that is set before us ...



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Anger	Unresolved	Low	Rejection
Judgmental	Issues	Self-Esteem	Legalistic
Attitude	Significance	Victim	Unhealed
Unmet	Issues	Mentality	Hurts
Needs	Disappointments	Bitterness	Pain



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**Luke 9:23**  
 Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him **deny himself**, and **take up his cross** daily, and **follow Me**."



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3. This is our journey in **brokenness**.
  - A. This is recognizing the milestones and development **phases** of our lives.
  - B. We then need to acquire the relevant **life-skills** to deal with them.



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4. This is the **renewal** of our minds as we know the good acceptable and perfect will of God for our lives.

**Proverbs 23:7a**  
 For **as he thinks in his heart, so is he**.

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**Romans 12:1-2**

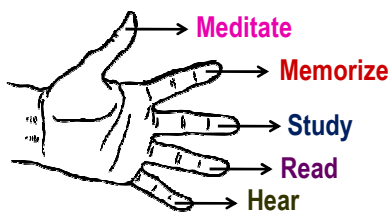
**1** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you **present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable **to God**, which is your reasonable service.

**2** And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

- V. We must develop and pursue our **purpose** in life.
1. This is related to our **roles** and **responsibilities** in life.
  2. It is always about **influencing** and **impacting** lives beginning in our families.
  3. We do so according to our **gifting**.
  4. We do so i.e. serve **officially** or **informally** but stay focused in our purpose as unto **God**.

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  - > Spiritual Parenting
  - > NBT - GBT - SBT

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- > **4 Rs - BBTC Devotional Journal**
  - Read
  - Record
  - Reflect
  - Respond

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2. Ongoing **Prayer Communion**


**1 Thessalonians 5:17**

**pray without ceasing**

**Luke 18:1**

Then He spoke a parable to them, that men **always ought to pray and not lose heart**.

Altar Call / HOP / HOB




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3. Building our Altar of

A. Thanksgiving

**1 Thessalonians 5:18**  
**in everything give thanks;**  
 for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.




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**Ephesians 5:20**  
**giving thanks always for all things**  
 to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ




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**Romans 1:21**  
 because, although they **knew God**, they did not glorify Him as God, **nor were thankful**, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

The Bottom Line of Thanksgiving is Gratefulness.




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B. Praise

**Hebrews 13:15**  
 Therefore by Him let us continually offer **the sacrifice of praise to God**, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to **[confessing-NIV] His name**.

The Bottom Line of Praise is Knowing God  
 - His nature and attribute.




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C. Worship

**Leviticus 10:3**  
 And Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD spoke, saying:  
**By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy**; and before all the people I must be glorified."

The Bottom Line of Worship is Surrender.




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Will **YOU** Commit to  
**Life-Long Life-Change**  
into the image of Christ?