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Change

“Do not conform 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 12:2)

Some individuals are afraid of change. However, Paul in Romans 12:2 tells us that change is the key to our spiritual growth and walk with God. Change for some means nothing more than changing actions or appearances. However, it is change on the inside, transformation of our heart that is key to a fulfilling relationship. One that evokes a life of freedom and overflowing joy.

How do we change?

First, we get God's perspective. As we see things through God's lens, we realize the difference between our perspective, what others think and His (Psalm 73:17). Second, “circumcise” your heart. God is not limited or restricted to any one place (Acts 7:48). In fact, Jesus is the meeting place! Now through the Holy Spirit, we are granted an opportunity to be present with God (Matthew 18:20). Third, allow tough time to mature your heart. God uses “rough patches” to change our hearts and increases our compassion for others and for God (2 Solomon 18:33-19:7).

On the baseball field it is imperative that athletes be prepared to change and improve when necessary. At each level, the game becomes faster. Pitchers are more precise and have better “stuff.” Hitters are stronger and fielders are quicker. If you are unwilling to change and adapt to the skill and conditioning needs at the next level, you will soon fall behind.

Our walk with God is similar. We need to daily be in His Word and hearing from God. Just like we train our body for competition, we must train our heart and mind for the battle that lies ahead spiritually as we walk in the world as believers in Christ.

Question(s): What does it mean to change your heart and prepare it to serve God?

Challenge: Take time this week to Read Romans 12:1-2 and ask God to change your heart.

Prayer: Thank you Lord for your gift of mercy and grace. Thank you for the opportunity to walk with you daily through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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