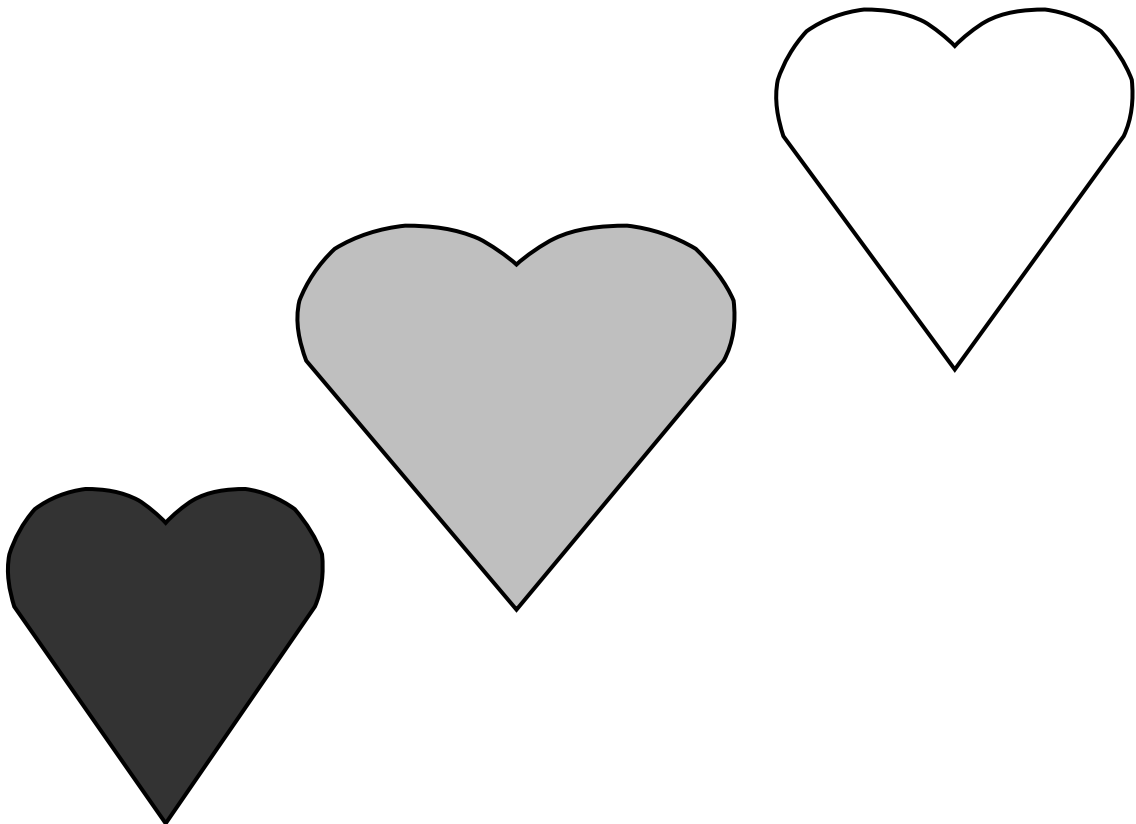


Chapter 4

THE TRANSFORMED LIFE

Parts 1-4



(Scriptures used are from the New King James Version (NKJV))

PART 1

Key Foundational Scriptures for a Transformed Life

Romans 12:1,2

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.

II Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

Colossians 1:13 (NASB)

For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

II Corinthians 3:17,18

Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty. 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.

John 17:3

This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

Romans 6:4-6

Therefore, we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

Colossians 2:6,7

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, ⁷ rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding ⁱⁿ it with thanksgiving.

Please look up these additional verses in reference to the Transformed Life

Romans 8:1

Ephesians 1:3-14

1 Corinthians 2:2,4,5,12

Ephesians 2:1-9

Romans 8:11,13

Hebrews 10:16

1 Samuel 16:7b

II Chronicles 16:9

1 Peter 2:9

Matthew 5:6,8

Matthew 6:19-21

Mark 8:34-38

John 8:31,32,36

Romans 8:29

John 3:5

Hebrews 2:14-16

Psalms 1:1-3

Psalms 119:9,11,18

Psalms 119:105

1 John 2:15-17

Philippians 1:6

Philippians 2:12c,13

1 Peter 2:11

Romans 13:11-14

Ephesians 5:18

Ephesians 4:17-24

Colossians 3:1-3,9,10

Hebrews 7:25

Hebrews 10:21,22

Colossians 3:12,14

1 Peter 1:1-5

1 Peter 1:13-16

1 John 2:1-3

1 John 4:9-11,19

Psalms 73:28

Psalms 32:1,2,5

II Corinthians 8:9

1 Peter 2:24

II Peter 1:2-4

Galatians 6:7-9

Colossians 2:13-15

Psalms 101:3

1 Timothy 1:9-12

Proverbs 4:20-27

Hebrews 12:1,2

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

1 Corinthians 3:10-15

Proverbs 14:12

1 Corinthians 9:25-27

Ephesians 6:10-18

Psalms 37:4

Psalms 112:1

II Corinthians 5:21

Romans 1:17 & 8:6

Part 2

Once a person has come into a genuine faith / salvation commitment with God, the journey in Transformation begins.

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

Romans 10:8-10

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): ⁹ that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

The Ultimate Evidence of Transformation in a single verse is:

Matthew 22:37

Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

As we begin to understand Transformation, we need to understand that something very unique has happened to us at conversion.

II Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

Colossians 1:13

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

1 Corinthians 6:19,20

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body (and in your spirit, which are God's).

Romans 5:1

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

II Corinthians 3:16-18

Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty. 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.

Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Again check out these verses: 1 Corinthians 2:2,4,5,12 & II Corinthians 5:21

Question – What is God's purpose for us once we come to salvation?

Answer - Romans 8:29

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

II 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.

1 Peter 2:24

who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

Colossians 1:22 (NASB)

yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach—

1 Peter 1:13-16

Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest *your* hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; ¹⁴as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; ¹⁵but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, ¹⁶because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

Review these verses: **I Peter 1:1-5 & Romans 6:4-6**

Question: How is God planning on accomplishing the work of Transformation?

Answer is in God's commitment to us & provision for us.

Philippians 1:6

being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ;

Philippians 2:13

or it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure.

John 14:26

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*.

John 15:4,5

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. ⁵"I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

Philippians 4:6,7

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

II Timothy 3:16,17

All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Check out these verses: **1 Thessalonians 4:1-3,7 Romans 8:11,13 1 Corinthians 2:2,4,5,12**
James 1:5 Isaiah 66:2b Titus 3:3-6 Hebrews 10:21-27 Psalm 119:105

It is important to understand, God does not totally eradicate the problem of sin even in a believer's life.

Galatians 5:13,16-23

¹³ For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not *use* liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

¹⁶ I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Ephesians 4:17-24

This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, ¹⁸ having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; ¹⁹ who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. ²⁰ But you have not so learned Christ, ²¹ if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: ²² that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, ²³ and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Colossians 3:5-11

Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, ⁷ in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

⁸ But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, ¹⁰ and have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, ¹¹ where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave *nor* free, but Christ *is* all and in all.

James 1:13-17

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. ¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. ¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

Matthew 26:41

Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak."

Romans 8:6

For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.

Check out these verses: II Timothy 2:19-22 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 Romans 6:8-19

Transformation involves the Heart, the Mind, the Will and the Body

God's Goal:

Romans 8:29

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Colossians 1:28

Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 4:3a

For this is the will of God, your sanctification;

1 Peter 1:14-16

As obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, *as* in your ignorance;
¹⁵ but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct,
¹⁶ because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

Transforming the Heart

Jeremiah 17:9 NASB (Here is the problem)

⁹ "The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it?"

Hebrews 10:16

"This *is* the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,"

1 Samuel 16:7b

For *the Lord does not see* as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

Psalms 51:1-3

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. ³ For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin *is* always before me.

Matthew 5:6,8

⁶ Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

II Chronicles 16:9a NASB

For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.

Psalms 51:17

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, these, O God, You will not despise.

Proverbs 4:23 (NASB)

Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life.

II Corinthians 7:1

Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Review these verses: Matthew 6:19-21 Psalm 51:10 Isaiah 57:15 Isaiah 66:2 Acts 15:9

Transforming the Mind

Isaiah 55:8,9

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,” declares the Lord.

9 “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts.

1 Corinthians 3:19a For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God..

1 Corinthians 1:20,21

Where *is* the wise? Where *is* the scribe? Where *is* the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

Romans 12:1,2

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

John 16:13-15

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you. ¹⁵ All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare *it* to you.

John 8:31a,32

“If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

Consider these verses; **1 Corinthians 2:12-16** **Proverbs 8:32-35** **1 Corinthians 14:20**
Philippians 4:8 **Romans 15:4**

Transforming the Will

1 John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Mark 8:34-38

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. 35 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. 36 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? 37 Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? 38 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

Matthew 26:39 (Jesus our example)

He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.”

Psalms 25:12 (NASB) Who is the man who fears the Lord? He will instruct him in the way he should choose.

(Note – the following scriptures have the key word “Let” in them – Let denotes a choice which is an act of the will. In order for a person to “Let” something has to have happened for them to will / choose to let.- I believe this is because of a spiritual transformation.)

Romans 13:12-14: II Corinthians 7:1; Colossians 3:14-16

Transforming the Body

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. 19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Thessalonians 4:3

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;

Hebrews 12:14

Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

II Corinthians 5:14,15

For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; 15 and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

Philippians 1:20

according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.

Romans 8:11-13

But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Mark 8:34

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

1 Corinthians 9:25-27

And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. 26 Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. 27 But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

Part 3

EVIDENCE OF THE TRANSFORMED LIFE

(Note: Transformation is a lifelong process.

Believers should be committed to a life of learning and submit to God's transforming process)

1a Increasing in one's awareness of God's Love them & for the world

Romans 5:5

Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Romans 8:37-39

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 3:16; Romans 5:8

1b Growing love for God

1 John 4:19

We love Him because He first loved us..

Matthew 22:37

And He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’

II Corinthians 5:14,15

For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died;
15 and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves,
but for Him who died for them and rose again.

2. Increasing desire to please God

II Corinthians 5:9 (NASB)

Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent,
to be pleasing to Him.

Hebrews 11:6

But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is,
and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

3. Growing love for God’s word

Psalm 19:7-11

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul;
The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;
8 The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;
9 The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;
The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than gold,
Yea, than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
11 Moreover by them Your servant is warned,
And in keeping them there is great reward.

II Timothy 3:16,17

All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine,
for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

4. Cultivating a healthy fear of the Lord

II Corinthians 5:10,11a

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ,
that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.
¹¹ Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men.

Psalm 25:12

Who is the man that fears the Lord?
Him shall He teach in the way He chooses.

5 Growing hatred of sin

Job 28:28

“And to man He said, ‘Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom;
And to depart from evil is understanding.’”

Proverbs 8:13

“The fear of the Lord is to hate evil;
Pride and arrogance and the evil way
And the perverse mouth, I hate.

6. Repentance and confession are needed as one battles sin issues

II Corinthians 7:10

For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted;
but the sorrow of the world produces death.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

7. Growing desire for Life Change

Matthew 5:6,8 (NASB)

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Ephesians 5:1-4;8-10

Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. ² And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

³ But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; ⁴ neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), ¹⁰ finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.

8. Increasing reality of one's dependency on the Lord

John 15:4,5

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine,
neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit;
for without Me you can do nothing.

John 6:63

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing;
the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

9. Developing an intercessory Prayer Life

Philippians 4:6,7

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving,
let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

1 Peter 4:7 (NASB)

The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment
and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer.

10a Increasing awareness of the reality of God in your life

Psalms 16:11

You will show me the path of life;
In Your presence *is* fullness of joy;
At Your right hand *are* pleasures forevermore.

Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God,
to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

10b Learning to cultivate a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ

1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

John 15:13-15

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. ¹⁴You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.

11. Joy in Obedience

John 15:11

"These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full.

Romans 15:13

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

12. Increasing awareness that this world is not my home, my security or where my affections should be

Colossians 3:1-4

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. ²Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

³For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

⁴When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Philippians 3:20

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

13. Intensifying desire for Christian fellowship

Hebrews 10:24,25

And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

II Timothy 2:22

Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

14. An overwhelming sense of gratitude & thanksgiving

Hebrews 12:28 (NASB)

Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe.

Colossians 3:16 (NASB)

Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

15. Growing interest and desire for good deeds

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Titus 2:14

Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works.

16. Strong desire to engage others in the Transformed Life

II Timothy 2:2

And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

Matthew 28:19,20

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

17 Genuine heart responses to God in Worship

John 4:23,24

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Psalm 95:6

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

18. Learning to Cultivate Christian disciplines

II Timothy 2:15

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

1 Timothy 4:7b,8 NASB

Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness;
8 for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

19 Learning to think Godly thoughts

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

20 Establishing Godly Priorities

Matthew 6:33

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Luke 16:13

"No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

21. Aware of what our spiritual battle is all about

Ephesians 6:10-18

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

¹⁴ Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ above all, taking the shield of faith with

which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; ¹⁸ praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

II Corinthians 11:3,14

³ But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

¹⁴ And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

22. Living in anticipation to the Lords return

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.

1 John 3:1-3

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. ² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. ³ And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Matthew 24:42,44; Matthew 16:2,3

Please understand, these evidences of a Transformed Life have a varying degree of visibility in any Christian's life. Any one of the points above may be more evident than others at any given moment in a believer's life. It is imperative that a person who declares that they are a believer in Jesus see some evidence of a Transformed Life

Part #4

Transformation involves a Lifestyle change in a Believer's Life

(As the Heart, Mind, Will and Body are being Transformed
Lifestyle should also change.)

Hebrews 11:6

But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

II Corinthians 5:7,9 (NASB)

⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight

⁹ Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.

Colossians 1:9-12

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; ¹⁰ that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him*, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge God; ¹¹ strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

1 Thessalonians 2:10-12

You *are* witnesses, and God *also*, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe; ¹¹ as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father *does* his own children, ¹² that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

Philippians 2:12,13

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure.

II Thessalonians 1:11-12

Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of *this* calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of *His* goodness and the work of faith with power, ¹² that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 4:1

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,

Matthew 5:16

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 3:2,3

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. ³ And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Galatians 5:16

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Psalms 1:1-3

Blessed *is* the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; ² But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD, and in His law he ^{2a}meditates day and night. ³ He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.

II Peter 1:2-4

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, ³ as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, ⁴ by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.

Also check out these additional verses: **Titus 1:16; James 1:26; John 15:4-10**

1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Philippians 1:27 Colossians 3:5-10 Romans 6:12-19

What makes for a changed life in the Believer?



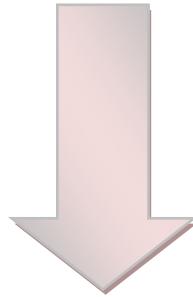
The ongoing work of the Holy Spirit

II 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 from the Lord, the Spirit.

Galatians 5:22–23

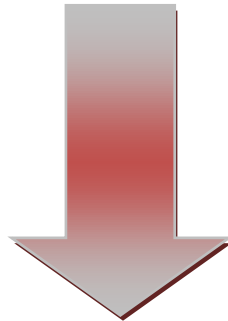
But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.



Through the discipline of and in the Word of God

Colossians 3:16

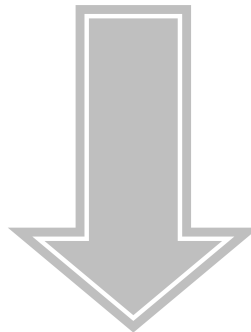
Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.



And by the yielding of one's life to the will of God

Mark 8:34,35

Jesus said to them, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.



Resulting in Prayer & Worship

Resulting in Fellowship & Service

Hebrews 10:24,25

And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.



There are many more principles regarding the Transformed Life-
Check out the additional materials in book "Ministry Toolbox Book" Vol. II
chapter 1The Transformed Life on the
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