

Preparation for 50 Days of Transformation
How God Changes Us

I. Introduction

- A. II Corinthians 3:18 (NAS) *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.*

II. How God Transforms Us

A. Transformation requires coaching

1. A coach maximizes your strengths and minimizes your weaknesses.
2. II Timothy 2:2 (NAS) *The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.*

B. Transformation requires learning the truth

1. John 17:17 (NLT) *"Take them holy by Your truth; teach them Your word, which is truth."*
2. Ephesians 4:14-15 (NAS) ¹⁴*As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; ¹⁵but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ.*
3. If you want to change your life - - you've got to identify the lie - - and then you change it!

C. Transformation requires new thinking

1. Romans 12:2 (NAS) *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.*

D. Transformation requires cleaning house

1. Ephesians 4:22 (NAS) *In reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit.*
2. Why is it so hard to get rid of bad habits?

- a. Because I've had them a long time
 - b. Because I identify with them
 - c. Because Satan fights against it
- €. Transformation requires honest community
- 1. Ephesians 4:25 (NAS) *Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth each one of you with his neighbor, for we are members of one another.*
- F. Transformation requires faith
- 1. Matthew 9:29 (NAS) *"It shall be done to you according to your faith."*

III. Conclusion