

Changing the Way You Think

Romans 12:1-2

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. ² **Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.**

But What does this Really Look Like in Every Day Life?

Ask for More

Luke 11:9-13

“So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened. ¹¹ Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? ¹² Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? ¹³ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?”**

Think Outside the Box (Yourself)

Video Clip: Seinfeld – George & the Opposite

- **Changing Your Definitions of What is “Great” or “Good” or “Desired”**
 - **“You meant it for evil...but God meant it for good...” (Joseph – Gen. 50:20)**
- **Unique Ways The Holy Spirit Leads Me That Changes *the Way I Think***
 - **Painful**

2 Cor. 12:7-10

keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud. ⁸ **Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away.** ⁹ Each time he said, “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.” So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. ¹⁰ **That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.**

- **Messy**

*“Oh no, Pastor Lee! Although we missed out on seeing clear water in the tank at the end, it really drove home the point that it can be a messy and maybe painful process as the Holy Spirit transforms us. Causing us to change our identity and give up some of the scars and beliefs that we may be reluctant to release (because they have become a part of who we are). I think everyone knew that the water would have turned as clear as the water coming out of the vessel on the cover of our weekly update that was handed to us on the way in. **Warning! This is what can happen when you pray that the message come from the Holy Spirit and not from the me...**”*

- **Looking & Listening for God in Unexpected Places**

John 4:35-38

³⁵ You know the saying, 'Four months between planting and harvest.' But I say, **wake up and look around.** The fields are already ripe for harvest. ³⁶ The harvesters are paid good wages, and **the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life.** What joy awaits both the planter and the harvester alike! ³⁷ You know the saying, 'One plants and another harvests.' And it's true. ³⁸ **I sent you to harvest where you didn't plant;** others had already done the work, and now you will get to gather the harvest."