

# Change That Counts

# I. Not All Change Is Good

## Not good . . .

- Prov.24:21. 'Change agents'
- Gal.1:14. Progress in error is fatal.
- Ja.1:17. God cannot change, Mal.3:6.

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## II. Enemies of Change

# (When we need to change, but refuse)

No fear. Gn.3:10

Concealment. 2 Kg.5

Blaming others. Gn.3:12

Contentment. Rv.3:15

Fear. Jn.9:22

Pleasure of sin. Hb.11:25

Indifference. Lk.17:26-30

Excuses. 1 Co.6:9...

Laziness. Mt.25:14...

Ignorance. Ac.17:30

Procrastination. Prov.29:1

Bad habits. Lk.11:5-7

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# Change!

- Mt.18:3, change your ways and become like children.
- Mt.21:32, change one's mind; think differently.
- Mk.4:12, change manner of life.
- Ro.2:4, repentance.
- Ro.12:2, change essential form or nature of something; become completely different
- Hb.6:1, go on . . .

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# We cannot change by . . .

1. Law alone. Ro.7:7-8.

- Ac.2:37 . . . Ac.5:33

2. Faith alone. Ja.2:24.

3. Time alone. Hb.5:14

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V. How Do We Change?

# Changers...

## 1. Abide in truth, 1 Pt.1:22-23.

- Seed (Word) produces new creature.
- Changes ways, 22; 4:3-4
- Physical brothers: born of common seed...
- Spiritual seed: incorruptible.
  - Of heaven, 1:4.
  - Of blood, 1:18.
  - Of beauty, 3:4.

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1. Abide in truth, 1 Pt.1:22-23.

2. Adopt divine nature, 2 Pt.1:4

- Divine nature – we don't become deity.
- We think as He thinks...
  - a. Hate sin, 1 Pt.2:1
  - b. Love Word, 1 Pt.2:2-3
  - c. React as Lord in persecution, 1 Pt.2:18...

# Changers...

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3. Add virtues, 2 Pt.1:5-11

- Faith. 1:1. Lk.5:5
- Virtue. Manly; valor; merit.
- Knowledge. 3:18.
- Self-control. 1 Co.9:25.
- Perseverance. Lk.8:15.
- Godliness. 2 Pt.3:11.
- Brotherly kindness. 1 Pt.1:22.
- Love. Known only by actions it prompts.

## Results (8-11)

- Not barren, unfruitful, blind, forgetful
- Entrance abundantly supplied into the everlasting kingdom
- Phil.3:13-14