

Reading: Isaiah 30:15

Topic: Transforming From Insecurity
To Quiet Confidence

INTRODUCTION: The only vessels that God has to _____ are imperfect vessels, but in the plan of God there is a provision to _____ many of our imperfections through His power working in us.

I. THE SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT PROCESS:

A. *Begins With Spiritual Birth:*

1. The Word of God describes our life before knowing Jesus as being _____ in sins, which signifies that though we were physically alive, we were spiritually _____ and empty inside. Eph. 2:1
2. When we heard the Gospel, we believed and obeyed the Word of God by _____ of our sins and being _____ in Jesus' Name and receiving the Holy Ghost, we come alive. Col. 2:11-13

B. *The Spiritual Growth Journey:*

1. The New Birth experience is not the apex of our spiritual _____, but in fact it is just the starting point of what God seeks to accomplish in our _____ to make us into a vessel of honor. Phil. 1:6
2. It is not the will of God for us just to be _____ and ready for Heaven, but to be transformed by the daily spiritual walk with God through prayer, the Word of God and _____. Phil. 2:12,13

II. RECOGNIZING OUR OWN CONDITION:

A. *Character:*

1. Many people today desire to make a _____ for themselves and develop a reputation for something that will make them _____ and popular, but that is not character. Mk. 12:38-40
2. It is said that what other people see you as is your reputation, but what and who you _____ are your character and the Almighty God _____ what and who you really are. Ps. 139:1,2

B. *Changing To Grow:*

1. God will put us in situations, not so that He can find out what kind of _____ that we have because He already _____ everything about us, but so that we can find out about ourselves. Mt. 26:75
2. Once God begins to reveal to us our current _____ and its flaws, then His will is for us to begin to _____ on changing to do that which will _____ Him and glorify Him in our lives. Is. 6:5

C. *Success or Failure:*

1. The difference between those who become a _____ and effective in the Kingdom of God and those who are carnal and ineffective is all about the willingness to allow God to _____ on the character and make the changes necessary to develop us into vessels of honor. I Cor. 3:3
2. Some people are willing to surrender their _____ to God and let Him become the potter of their lives and shape them into the character of Christ while others strongly _____ any changes to their character and thus never _____ to become effective for God. Rom. 9:20,21
3. Sadly, some people never advance and _____ after they are saved and thus they not only end up being ineffective in the work of God, they sometimes become a hindrance and do harm.

III. CARNAL & INSECURE VS. SPIRITUAL & CONFIDENT:

A.The Contrast:

Carnal & Insecure:

1. Closed minded about changing.
2. Knows it all.
3. Seeks constant validation from famous.
4. Makes excuses for how they are.
5. Does only what makes them feel good.
6. Blames others for their own failures.
7. Fakes it to make it (hiding the real them).
8. Negative thinker & talker.
9. Not willing to move out of comfort zone.
10. Gossips and talks critically about others.
11. Has a scarcity mindset and is a taker.
12. Dislikes many other people.
13. Is judgmental towards those that are different than themselves.
14. Always worries what others think of them.
15. Very indecisive about many things.
16. Is forever stuck in old ways and habits.
17. Has very little sense of humor.

Spiritual & Confident:

1. Open minded to changing as God works in them.
2. Eager to learn from others.
3. Gives compliments & encouragement to others.
4. Takes responsibility for actions and behavior.
5. Operates on principles of pleasing God first.
6. Takes ownership of mistakes.
7. Is real and open about what they are.
8. Disciplines mind to think & speak positively.
9. Moves out of comfort zone to grow and take risks.
10. Avoids gossiping and criticizing others.
11. Has an abundance mindset and is a giver.
12. Develops love for other people.
13. Accepts people that are different than themselves.
14. Do not worry what others think of them.
15. Makes confident decisions wisely.
16. Desires to keep learning & growing.
17. Has a sense of humor and can laugh at themselves.

B.The Decision:

1. Once the Lord permits circumstances that _____ our flawed character to ourselves, we must make the choice - either to ignore the revelation or to begin with the help of God to make _____.
2. Through daily prayer, the _____ of God, through working with the spiritual people that God places in our lives, and surrendering of our own _____ to God, we will change. Rom. 8:28,29

CONCLUSION: God delights in taking rough clay and _____ on it to produce a vessel that will bring glory and honor to Him, but it is up to each individual to be willing to _____ God to do that work and make the necessary changes to produce that which glorifies Him.