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Part 10:

God's Part & My Part in Changing Me.

Philippians 2:12

" ... continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose."

"work out":

" Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. Ephesians 2:9

"your salvation"

"fear and trembling":

"God works in you":

I. God's Part in Changing Me

Three ways God works in our lives.

1. He uses the _____.

"The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us do what is right. It is God's way of making us well prepared at every point..." 2 Timothy 3:16-17

2. He uses the _____.

"Once the Spirit lives within you, He will bring to your whole being new strength and vitality." Romans 8:11

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. ... 14 He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me. ... 'The Spirit will tell you whatever he receives from me.' John 16:13-15

"As the Spirit of the Lord works with us, we become more and more like Him." 1 Corinthians 3:18

God knew what he was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son. The Son stands first in the line of humanity he restored. Romans 8:29

3. He uses _____.

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. Romans 8:28

Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world." John 16:33

"Sometimes it takes a painful situation to make us change our ways." Proverbs 20:30

II. My Part in Changing Me

Three choices that will help you change

1. I can choose what I _____.

"Be careful how you think. Your life is shaped by your thoughts." Proverbs 4:23

"Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the 'new self' that has been created in God's way."

Ephesians 4:23-25

"Be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Romans 12:2

"Blessed is the man who meditates on God's word." Psalm 1:2

"Let the word of God dwell in you richly." Colossians 3:6

"Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against God." Psalm 1:19

"The secret of success is meditate on God's word day and night and you'll be successful." Joshua 1:8

2. I can choose to depend on _____.

"Take care to live in Me and let Me live in you. For a branch can't produce fruit when severed from the vine. Nor can you be fruitful apart from me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in me and I in him shall produce a large crop of fruit." John 15:4-5

3. I can choose my response to _____.

"When all kinds of trials crowd into your lives don't resent them as intruders but welcome them as friends. Realize that they come to test your faith and produce in you the quality of endurance. But let the process go on until that endurance is fully developed and you become people of mature character, people of integrity, with no weak spots." James 1:2-4

"We can be full of joy here and now, even in our trials and troubles. These very things [the trials and troubles] will give us patient endurance; this in turn will develop a mature character." Romans 5:3-4