

Pastoral Notes

“The Gains of Change” -
Ephesians 4: 17-24.

From the pulpit to the last pew in the church, all of us have something in our life we need to change. Changing thoughts and habits, we are accustomed to, isn't easy, but necessary for us to grow and mature in our Christianity. **It takes both a desire and discipline for a person to change.**

It has been said that “if it isn't broke, don't fix it”

Key Sermonic Points

1. *You must have a want for change and a will to change*
2. *Assess what God requires & Suppress your own desires*
3. *God will **help** you change but won't **make** you change*
4. *Once taught in Christ, there's no excuse to be caught outside of Christ*

and that makes some sense. But when something is broken, you should fix it, especially when the very thing broken is you. We all have broken fragments in our lives: relationships, fellowship, commandments. The fix begins with a 'renewal of our minds'. **We must put off our former way of thinking and put on the mind of Christ. This is called 'transformation' which means a change.**

The bible is like a full course menu and sermons are like a meal to provide nourishment to the soul. But we need to read the menu, to know if what is served to us on Sunday's is being cooked properly. This is especially important when the meal deals with sin and the Soul. Unchecked cancer kills the body, but unchecked sin kills the Soul. **We must become students of the Word to guard against ignorance,**

insensitivity and hardened hearts. God's love does not override his holiness.

Look at the person in your mirror and assess if your living lines up with your Leader, Christ. If not, seek the Holy Spirit to help you make a change.

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Stay Blessed,
Pastor Robbie

Nuggets:

- It is necessary to transform yourself from what you are, to what God wants you to be.
- The Word of God will **cut** you just as quick as it will **shout** you. This is to **sharpen** you so your living will not be in vain.
- Change requires both desire and discipline
- Everything that is good to us is not good for us (1Cor 10:23)
- A child of royalty can't live any kind of way. We must be representative of our Father's Kingdom.

“Sometimes when you toss and turn and cannot sleep, it is because the Holy Spirit is arresting you and awaiting your repentance so your sentence can be commuted.”