

## Lesson 2: Process of Change

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### Hebrews 5

12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

**Righteousness** = equity of character or equality to the character of God.

### Philippians 3

9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

His RIGHTEOUSNESS is imputed to us by faith. What is the difference between mature saints and babes? Not the length of time in church or the amount of knowledge about scripture. It is their skillfulness with applying the Word of God to their lives! They learn how to take on the character of God.

People can quote a lot of scripture, but their lives do not show the manifestation of a mature saint.

The MANIFESTATION (or Fruit of) a MATURE saint **IS NOT** signs and wonders. It is that they have taken on the character & nature of Christ Himself.

This is what discipleship is all about: The Word of God has dominion and authority over our opinions, our traditions, our culture.

The MATURE Christian has learned to allow God's Word to **penetrate** every part of their life and **transform** it into Christ-likeness.

The point at which you stop allowing God's word to penetrate and transform you is the point at which you stop maturing.

Many "confess" faith in Christ, but go no further. They don't allow God to dictate.

### Psalms 101

3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.

You cannot love God **AND** wickedness. Ungodly T.V. programs, music, movies, magazines, etc. must be overcome by what is spiritually nourishing (so that we may **grow** to maturity).

Many are still spiritual babes because they want the benefits of Heaven without the dictates of the Word.

We are to make **disciples** not **converts**. The purpose of pastors and other spiritual authorities is to take the Truth and apply it to the **deceptive** areas in our own lives, and to expose them by the Word so we may repent and be transformed.

### **Genesis 3**

10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

In our nature, when we are exposed, we want to hide from God. God wants us to run into His light, so that we can see what we are. Instead of finding fault with the deliverer, so we feel better about ourselves... **Disciples** must take on 3 MAIN ATTITUDES:

1) Apply Yourself to Understanding

### **Proverbs 2**

1 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;  
2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;  
3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;  
4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;  
5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.

Seeking is active. Seeking understanding and wisdom is the most important thing in your life. Many work two jobs or too many hours seeking to fulfill their lustful lifestyles. A new car, a new house, a boat, a better status all take precedence in too many lives.

### **Matthew 6**

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

True disciples will apply themselves and **actively** and **aggressively** pursue understanding God's Word.

The **fear of the Lord** and the **knowledge of God** move our desires from the wicked carnal lusts to those that are pleasing to the Spirit of God. Thus the fear of God draws

you closer to God. We have to go past information and get the revelatory understanding of God.

#### **Mark 4**

23 If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.

24 And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given.

25 For he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath.

**HEAR** = to understand

To those who have understanding, more will be revealed. To those without it, even what they thought they knew will be untrue and those things they understand will be removed. In other words, they will be easily confused and will believe a lie.

#### **Ephesians 1**

17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

It is God's desire that we understand. The problem isn't that there is too much sin in the world, it is that there is too little of Jesus revealed.

#### **Deuteronomy 29**

29 The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

God has secrets! When they aren't revealed to us, they still belong to God. Until salvation was **revealed** to me, it still belonged to Him. Until healing is **revealed** to you, it still belongs to Him. We can have the information, but it is God's until we get the **revelation!**

God is a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him! He wants to impart wisdom and knowledge to you. As a disciple, **apply yourself to understanding!**

#### **Proverbs 23**

12 Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge.

#### **Proverbs 9**

9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.

## 2) Be Willing To Be Corrected

No one likes it, but we must be willing to receive it!

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Jesus gave us power to be children of God, but “as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the Sons of God.” (Romans 8:14) You may be a spiritual child even if you are a physical adult.

### 1 Corinthians 3

1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.

We're born babes who need correction. We should surround ourselves with those who are willing to correct us. We must be willing to be corrected!

## 3) Determine To Endure The Pain Of Discipleship

### Proverbs 23

13 Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die.

14 Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.

### Hebrews 12

5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

He chastens and scourges, in other words He spans us! Jesus learned obedience through the things which He suffered (Hebrews 5:8).