



## ***How Do I Redefine Myself?***

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### **Redefine Yourself**

- **God wants me to redefine myself.**

#### **Proverbs 3:1-4 (New Living Translation)**

1 My child, never forget the things I have taught you. Store my commands in your heart. 2 If you do this, you will live many years, and your life will be satisfying. 3 Never let loyalty and kindness leave you! Tie them around your neck as a reminder. Write them deep within your heart. 4 Then you will find favor with both God and people, and you will earn a good reputation.

- **You need a new and fresh approach to life**
- **You cannot use yesterday's methods with today's economies of scale!**
- **God wants me to redefine myself.**

#### **2 Corinthians 5:17 (Amplified Bible)**

17 Therefore if any person is [ingrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!

#### **Colossians 3:10 (Contemporary English Version)**

10 Each of you is now a new person. You are becoming more and more like your Creator, and you will understand him better.

#### **Colossians 3:10 (Amplified Bible)**

10 And have clothed yourselves with the new [spiritual self], which is [ever in the process of being] renewed and remolded into [fuller and more perfect knowledge upon] knowledge after the image (the likeness) of Him Who created it.

#### **Ezekiel 11:19 (New Living Translation)**

19 And I will give them singleness of heart and put a new spirit within them. I will take away their stony, stubborn heart and give them a tender, responsive heart,

#### **Ezekiel 36:26 (New Living Translation)**

26 And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart.



**How do I redefine myself?**

**Work on my thinking!**

**Proverbs 23:7a (New King James Version)**

7 For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.

**Through discipline and obedience to the Word of God, allow God to change your way of thinking!**

**Romans 12:1-2 (New Living Translation)**

1 And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. 2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but **let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think**. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

**Ephesians 4:23-24 (Contemporary English Version)**

**23Let the Spirit change your way of thinking** 24and make you into a new person. You were created to be like God, and so you must please him and be truly holy.

**Matthew 6:31-34 (The Message)**

30-33" If God gives such attention to the appearance of wildflowers—most of which are never even seen—don't you think he'll attend to you, take pride in you, do his best for you? What I'm trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with getting, so you can respond to God's giving. People who don't know God and the way he works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how he works. Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don't worry about missing out. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met. 34" Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.

**Matthew 6:31-34 (New Living Translation)**

31 "So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' 32 These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. **33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.** 34 "So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today.

**Hang around people that have your answer and not your problem!**

**1 Corinthians 15:33 (Amplified Bible)**

33 Do not be so deceived and misled! Evil companionships (communion, associations) corrupt and deprave good manners and morals and character.



### **Stay faithful!**

#### **Matthew 25:21 (New Living Translation)**

21 "The master was full of praise. 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!

#### **Matthew 25:21 (Contemporary English Version)**

21 "Wonderful!" his master replied. "You are a good and faithful servant. I left you in charge of only a little, but now I will put you in charge of much more. Come and share in my happiness!"

#### **1 Corinthians 4:16 (New International Version)**

16 Therefore I urge you to imitate me.

#### **Hebrews 6:12 (Amplified Bible)**

12 In order that you may not grow disinterested and become [spiritual] sluggards, but imitators, behaving as do those who through faith (by their leaning of the entire personality on God in Christ in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness) and by practice of patient endurance and waiting are [now] inheriting the promises.

#### **Hebrews 13:7 (Amplified Bible)**

7 Remember your leaders and superiors in authority [for it was they] who brought to you the Word of God. Observe attentively and consider their manner of living (the outcome of their well-spent lives) and imitate their faith (their conviction that God exists and is the Creator and Ruler of all things, the Provider and Bestower of eternal salvation through Christ, and their leaning of the entire human personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness).

#### **Matthew 22:36-40 (Contemporary English Version)**

36 "Teacher, what is the most important commandment in the Law?" 37 Jesus answered: **Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind.** 38 This is the first and most important commandment. 39 The second most important commandment is like this one. And it is, "**Love others as much as you love yourself.**" 40 All the Law of Moses and the Books of the Prophets are based on these two commandments.

- **What would God say about you?**
- **What would your spouse say about you?**
- **What would your children say about you?**
- **What would your friends say about you?**
- **What would your employers/employees say about you?**