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I Need to Change!

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Unfortunately we live in an age where people are blind to the need for change. We have become a society that demands everything to be agreeable with our wants, not our needs. Our capitalist society is structured for those with enough forethought to market and produce whatever we want, resulting in our trust in the natural and not the Spiritual. I am optimistic, I am inclined to believe there are still some people that are willing to hear The Gospel of Jesus Christ resulting in the ultimate change; spiritual change.

The purpose of the blessing is not just for material gain but for Spiritual change.

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- **You will never find your answers if you don't know the questions.**
 - **What do I change?**
 - **Why should I change?**
 - **How do I change?**
 - **When do I change?**

- **Why should I change? Because I believe I can do better.**

Matthew 19:26 (Contemporary English Version, CEV)

Jesus looked straight at them and said, "There are some things that people cannot do, but God can do anything."

- **Why should I change? Because I don't want to do what is wrong thinking that I am right.**

Proverbs 21:2 (CEV)

We may think we are doing the right thing, but the Lord always knows what is in our hearts.

➤ **How do I change? Give myself to God.**

➤ **What do I change? My thinking!**

Romans 12:1-2 (New Living Translation, NLT)

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.

➤ **How do I change? Read to understand His Word so His Spirit within me can grow strong to lead.**

Galatians 5:16-17, 24 (NLT)

16 So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. 17 The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions.

24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.

➤ **When do I change? NOW!**

Romans 6:8-14 (NLT)

8 And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. 9 We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. 10 When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. 11 **So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.** 12 **Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires.** 13 **Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God.** 14 Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace.

➤ **When do I change? NOW!**

Romans 5:1-5 (NLT)

1 **Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.** 2 Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and

joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory. 3 **We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop** endurance. 4 And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. 5 And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

- **Why change? So you don't drive yourself to a point of desperation hoping for God to rescue you in the way you thought, instead of participating in the process He gave us to ensure our success.**

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- **What happens if I don't change? I will endure another season of unrest and discontentment.**
- **What happens if I don't change? I will watch others enjoy peace while making excuses why change is not necessary.**
- **What happens if I don't change? I delay my vision and deny others around me to receive the benefits of my life.**
- **What happens if I don't change? I will look back with regrets instead of rewards.**
- **I need to change because I am tired of myself!**
- **I need to change because my destiny depends on it.**
- **What happens if I do change? I begin a pattern of discipline, create a sense of stability, and start the process of securing my future.**
- **What if I do change? I begin to create confidence in God's plan for my life as He moves me from faith to faith, from glory to glory; enjoying a consistent yet exciting life in faith.**
- **I need to change because if I keep going in this direction what I do in secret will come out in the open; and I can't have that!**

Prayer for change! Written after Nathan the prophet had come to inform David of God's judgment against him because of his adultery with Bathsheba, and his murder of Uriah, her husband.

Psalm 51 (Living Bible, TLB)

1 O loving and kind God, have mercy. Have pity upon me and take away the awful stain of my transgressions. 2 Oh, wash me, cleanse me from this guilt. Let me be pure again. 3 For I admit my shameful deed—it haunts me day and night. 4 It is against you and you alone I sinned and did this terrible thing. You saw it all, and your sentence against me is just. 5 But I was born a sinner, yes, from the moment my mother conceived me. 6 You deserve honesty from the heart; yes, utter sincerity and truthfulness. Oh, give me this wisdom. 7 Sprinkle me with the cleansing blood and I shall be clean again. Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. 8 And after you have punished me,

give me back my joy again. 9 Don't keep looking at my sins—erase them from your sight. 10 Create in me a new, clean heart, O God, filled with clean thoughts and right desires. 11 Don't toss me aside, banished forever from your presence. Don't take your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me again the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you. 13 Then I will teach your ways to other sinners, and they—guilty like me—will repent and return to you. 14-15 Don't sentence me to death. O my God, you alone can rescue me. Then I will sing of your forgiveness, for my lips will be unsealed—oh, how I will praise you. 16 You don't want penance; if you did, how gladly I would do it! You aren't interested in offerings burned before you on the altar. 17 It is a broken spirit you want—remorse and penitence. A broken and a contrite heart, O God, you will not ignore. 18 And Lord, don't punish Israel for my sins—help your people and protect Jerusalem. 19 And when my heart is right, then you will rejoice in the good that I do and in the bullocks I bring to sacrifice upon your altar.

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