

Editor's Words by Gloria Jean Woodard

Special points of Interest

- Don't do the same old things expecting different results—get different results by doing something new!
- Don't see change as something hurtful that must be done—see it as something helpful that must be done!
- Don't avoid the immediate price tag of change—if you do, you will pay the ultimate price of never improving!



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FLEXIBLE OR RIGID

While going through a transition, some attitude changes, and listening to God's plan instead of mine, I read somewhere, "don't bring your old thoughts to the process." There is a process going on when you don't know what to do.

The old thoughts were the things that had not happened yet for me. The old thoughts were "it's time to go, time to change, you can't change others, but you can change yourself!"

The process was hearing how God wanted to do it and me being still. Me being still is hard at times but when I fast and pray, I'm still. That means I'm really looking for **God's answer**, really wanting **His solution** and not by manipulation. I've always learned that what I want doesn't count, because I don't always get my way with God when it's not in my best interest. God always knows what's best!

Being God's servant means you have to be flexible to change, rather than rigid with God.

Rigid means old thoughts, old habits, old ways to solve a situation. God never changes, but His process may change with you, His answer may change with you, His way of transitioning you, **you** will have to adapt to! **Behold I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it?...(Is.43:19)** God is saying **now** it shall spring forth, be in tune with 'Me', but we're so rigid in our flesh, that our spirit can't be sensitive to **His** new thing, His process of the thing and not taking hold of it or realizing it, because our former religious observance has bogged us down!

I am learning to change **within** to solve the problem **within**, rather than trying to get away from the problem at hand. We always have to look within instead of outward. I know myself, I am a 'Confronter' because I don't like problems. And if the problem lingers without a solution, it's at a standstill, and more ammunition for the enemy within and outwardly.

Change is inevitable and

I've heard T. D. Jakes say, change won't come until all the doubters die out. Well, in the Word of God, change didn't come for the Israelites, especially for Caleb and Joshua, until all those that were 20 and above, died in the Wilderness. I'm looking for my Promise to come before then, because God will leave an enemy to witness your Promise. That gives Him glory! Hallelujah! It Can Happen!

.I am the Lord: that is My Name: and My glory will I not give to another, ... Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them (Is.42:8-9). This is talking about prophecies, predictions, new things. Can we allow God to do new things within the church, the body of Christ, and being flexible instead of rigid. There is a new generation approaching and **is now**, and the old is leaving. Now do you follow God or man? Always God! God's Will, will Be Done!

God Bless!

Impression Without Expression Leads To Depression:

Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children (Eph.5:1).

But be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves (Jam. 1:22).

Impression means imprint, stamp, mark.

Expression means convey, voice, expound.

Depression means hollow or low place, inadequacy, decrease in force of activity.

I read a story called : **"Mistaken Identity"** — Two cars waiting at a stoplight. The light turned green, but the man didn't notice it. A woman in the car behind him began pound-

"Be A Reflector
of the Light
which Comes
from Christ"

ing on her steering wheel and yelling at the man to move. The man didn't move. The woman went ballistic and started ranting and raving at the man, blowing her car horn, screamed curses at the man. The light turned yellow. The man hearing the commotion, looks up, saw the yellow light and accelerated through the intersection just as the light turned red. The woman was be-

side herself, screaming in frustration as she missed her chance to get through the intersection.

Still ranting, she heard a tap on her widow, looked up into the barrel of a gun held by a very serious looking policeman. The policeman told her to shut off her car, while keeping both hands in sight. She obeyed and was speechless at what was happening. After she shut off the engine, the policeman ordered her to exit her car with her hands up, place her hands on the roof of her car, and was quickly handcuffed, and put into the patrol car.

She was too bewildered by the chain of events to ask any questions and was driven to the police station where she was fingerprinted, photographed, searched, booked, and placed in a cell.

After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell, opened the door for her, and escorted her back to the booking desk where the original officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He handed her bag containing her things and said, "I'm really sorry for this mistake. But you see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flip-

ping that guy off and cursing a blue streak at the car in front of you, and then I noticed the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'What Would Jesus Do', and 'Follow Me to Sunday School' bumper stickers, and the chrome plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk, so naturally I assumed that you had stolen someone else' car.

I will always think of this story when sitting at the light. This one example really catches your eye of an outward Expression having no stamped Impression that would lead others to Christ.

There **is** an **impression** that looks like a strong influence. The mark is there, the imprint's there, the stamp of Jesus is on your life, **but** there's no **Expression**, no voice, no out-put, no expounding, no giving out, no conveying to others, no characteristics of Jesus, and it leads one to the thought of **Depression**, waste, feelings of inadequacy, slackness, being hollow, and stagnate for those that say they are servants and for those that need the servant's actions.

Studying without service, without being a doer of the Word, leads to stagnation. There is no continuous flow, no joy, no tremendous fruit

bearing in that Christian's walk with The Master

We are first converts (*turning from sin to God*), then disciples (*learners, apprentices, and followers*) of Christ.

Discipleship is commitment to learn and applying truths to everyday life, becoming like Christ, sharing Christianity with others, serving the church, and fulfilling the goals God has personally designed for each person. The Word says, **For if any be a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:**

He sees only that which is external and therefore cannot make a proper evaluation internally.

For he beholds himself, and goes his way, and straightway forgets what manner of man he was.

An evaluation of ourselves is necessary.

But whoso looks into the perfect law of liberty, and continues therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed" (Jam.1:23-25).

Obedying the word of God brings great blessings. However, the only way it can be obeyed is for the Believer to unequivocally place their faith in Christ and the Cross.

As we look in the bible, The Sea of Galilee is full of life because it takes in water and also gives it out. However, in The Dead Sea, nothing lives because there

Prayer:



Father, in the name of Jesus, I thank You for all that You've done for me. I know I can't say it enough, but I truly trust You by Your Power of the Holy Spirit to cause me to have appreciation for what You're doing to and in my heart.

I need Your Power for what I must face in the days ahead for my life as I follow You! Thank You for the release of Your Power so that I will not walk with pride or unforgiveness within my heart and not let emotions rule me when people do me wrong. Help me to be able to stand when I see the weakness of others, and even

allow myself to be defrauded because I have no control over their will.

Give me the level of power where I will not use Your Power for revenge or manipulation, but I'll use it for healing, for revival, for reconciliation, so that Your glory might be seen.

Thank You for change that comes in my heart today. Thank You for the Grace to forgive everyone that has sinned against me, whether they have repented or not; and for those I have sinned against.

Thank You for every sinner or backslider whom

You send my way that need love, even as You have loved me when I did not stay as close to You as I should.

Thank You that I am not afraid of what the future will bring, because I know that Your Power will be released in me, and is even now being released because now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the confidence of things not seen. I Love You Lord because You have begun a good work in me and I know You are with me! Praise You Lord!

In Jesus' Name I Pray,
Amen!

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is no out-flow, and water becomes stagnate (standing still).

Another example: Let's look at eating. In our everyday life, the food goes in but if not eliminated can cause sickness, and a complete shutdown. No exercise, no muscles toned, heartbeat becomes sluggish (*not beating with the rhythm of life*) and will lead to fat buildup. The **body** muscles have got to be toned, molded and shaped.

The **soul** has to be transformed by the renewing of the mind having soulish things taken off and putting God's

truths into practice. Last the **spirit** has to bring forth fruit.

When putting a seed in the ground, you're expecting it to grow and bear fruit, not just for you, but for someone else. The Word of God says, *Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it brings forth much fruit. If any man serve Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall also My servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour*" (John. 12:24,26).

Well, if you get happy (*composed, tranquil*) where you are, you'll never get to where you

need to be. Remember we've been **impressed** (*stamped, marked*) to **Express** (*voice, ex-pound*). Not to just look like we're His, from the outside, but to imitate (*copy*) God (*follow his example*), being a doer because of His inside witness to obey.

My constant flow of God comes by telling someone else about Him, not keeping Him to myself.

Everything is shaped according to His Will. There is no time to get depressed or stagnate when the flow is constant, for the body muscles are being toned, molded and shaped; the mind/soul is being trans-

"There is no Time to get Depressed or Stagnate, when the Flow is Constant"

formed and renewed with joy; and wow the fruit of the spirit is coming forth.

Without Expression of God's Word to someone, He doesn't receive glory. There are too many blessings not to express. Be a bearer of Good News about Jesus!

"Impression With Expression!"

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POWER IN THE WORD MINISTRY

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

My MISSION:

Reach and encourage others in letting you know that God is able to do the impossible.

My VISION:

Be on the web reaching those I don't see but God does.

IT CAN HAPPEN !

How much more shall your Father which is in heaven, give good things to them that ask him? Matthew 7:11b

My MISSION:

Use the God-given gifts for His glory!

My VISION:

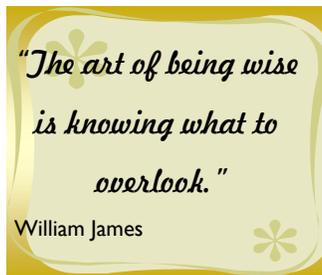
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LEARNING SALVATION SCRIPTURES

1ST WEEK	2ND WEEK	3RD WEEK	4TH WEEK
V ERILY, V ERILY, I SAY U NTO YOU, HE H EARNS MY W ORD & B E- L IEVES ON HIM W HO SENT ME H AS E VER- L ASTING LIFE JOHN 5:24	N EITHER I S THERE S ALVA- T ION IN A NY O TH E R F OR THERE I S (CON'T)	NONE OTHER NAME UNDER HEAVEN GIVEN AMONG MEN, WHEREBY WE MUST BE SAVED . ACTS 4:12	FOR BY GRACE ARE YOU SAVED THROUGH FAITH AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES; IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD: NOT OF WORKS, LEST ANY MAN SHOULD BOAST. EPHESIANS 2:8-9
<p>Meditate on these for 30 days. Get them into your heart. They will be needed when leading a soul to Christ.</p>			



Dates to Remember - September 2009

- August 24 First Day of HISD School
- September 7 Labor Day
- September 13 National Grandparents Day
- September 22 Autumn Begins

Parables of Jesus Quiz:

When Jesus taught His disciples and the crowds who followed Him, He often used parables. A parable has often been called "an earthly story with a heavenly meaning." Names have been given to many of the parables of Jesus, some of which are listed below. Each is listed in two parts. Find the full name of the parable by matching the phrases in the list on the left with those in the list on the right. Bold printed words are in hidden in the puzzle.

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| 8 _____ The M ustard | H the G oats |
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