

GOD'S WORK^{in me}

The Change Process—Pt. 2

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... Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

Philippians 2:12-13 (NIV)

God changes me by using ...

1. _____.

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)

2. _____.

It stands to reason, doesn't it, that if the alive-and-present God who raised Jesus from the dead moves into your life, he'll do the same thing in you that he did in Jesus, bringing you alive to himself? When God lives and breathes in you (and he does, as surely as he did in Jesus), you are delivered from that dead life. **Romans 8:11 (TM)**

And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him. **2 Corinthians 3:18 (TLB)**

3. _____.

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son ... **Romans 8:28-29 (NLT)**

Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways. **Proverbs 20:30 (TLB)**

I cooperate with God's changes by ...

1. Choosing what _____.

Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts. **Proverbs 4:23 (GN)**

Let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God. **Ephesians 4:23-24 (NLT)**

... let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. **Romans 12:2 (NLT)**

Psalms 1:1-3 Blessed is the man who meditates on God's Word.

Philippians 4:8 Think on these things.

Colossians 3:16 Let God's Word fill your life.

Psalms 119:11 Memorize God's Word to avoid sin.

Joshua 1:8 The secret to success is thinking about God's Word.

2. Choosing to _____
moment by moment.

"Remain united to me, and I will remain united to you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it can do so only if it remains in the vine. In the same way you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine, and you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me." **John 15:4-5 (GN)**

3. Choosing my _____.

Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way. **James 1:2-4 (TM)**

We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character ... **Romans 5:3-4 (NLT)**

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