

Living Victoriously Through Biblical Self-Confrontation: Biblical Principles from Lesson 1

YOU CAN CHANGE BIBLICALLY

God's plan for you to change in a biblical way centers on His Son, Jesus Christ.

(Principle 1) Because God's standard is one of perfection (Leviticus 19:2; Matthew 5:48), you cannot meet it by your own efforts (Psalm 143:2; Ecclesiastes 7:20; Romans 3:23). You cannot save yourself (Proverbs 20:9) nor depend on any other human being to redeem you (Psalm 49:7). You need to recognize your helplessness to meet God's standard (Isaiah 64:6; Romans 3:9-12) and need to repent of your sin (Luke 15:7; Acts 2:38, 3:19, 17:30-31, 26:19-20; Romans 2:4; II Peter 3:9). By God's grace and mercy, you recognize your lost condition and believe wholeheartedly and sincerely on the Lord Jesus Christ to receive the gift of eternal life (John 3:16, 36; 5:24; 11:25-26; Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5-7; I John 5:11-13) and forgiveness for your sins (Mark 16:16; John 3:16-18, 8:24; Acts 2:38, 4:12; Romans 10:9-13; Ephesians 1:7).

You are to establish a biblical pattern of life.

(Principle 2) You are to be rooted, built up, and established in the Lord Jesus Christ and are not to be conformed to the world (Romans 12:1-2; Colossians 2:6-10). You must practice God's Word to grow into maturity (Matthew 7:24-27; II Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 5:12-14; James 1:22-25; I Peter 2:2; II Peter 1:4-11; I John 2:5). II.

You are to prepare yourself to help others.

(Principle 3) Practicing God's Word begins with judging yourself and removing sinful obstructions from your own life (Matthew 7:1-5; I Corinthians 11:28-31; Hebrews 12:1). Then, you have the privilege and responsibility of restoring others to victorious living (Matthew 7:5; Romans 15:14; II Corinthians 1:3-4; Galatians 6:1-5).

MAN'S WAY AND GOD'S WAY (PART ONE)

The Bible is adequate.

(Principle 4) Since God's Word is the only authority for faith and conduct and is the sole, legitimate standard by which all aspects of living are evaluated, you are to rely on no other source. God's Word provides hope and gives direction for change in deeds (thoughts, speech, and actions) and is adequate to equip you for every good work (Psalm 19:7-11; Proverbs 30:5-6; Colossians 2:8; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Peter 1:2-4) and to develop a Christlike attitude of servanthood within you (2 Corinthians 3:5-6; Philippians 2:5-8).

The Holy Spirit is necessary

(Principle 5) Only through the power of the Holy Spirit are you able to live an abundant life (John 14:26, 16:7-14; Romans 8:5-11; 1 Corinthians 2:9-14; Ephesians 1:13-14, 5:18).

Prayer is vital

(Principle 6) Prayer is essential to a Spirit-controlled life (Psalm 145:18-19; Matthew 7:7-8; Ephesians 5:18-20, 6:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; 1 John 3:22). You are to be devoted to prayer, according to God's will, and to bring everything and everyone unceasingly before the Lord in prayer (Luke 18:1; Ephesians 6:18; Philippians 4:6; Colossians 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; 1 Timothy 2:1; 1 John 5:14-15).