POINT 6 — We Become What We Behold

2 Corinthians 3:18 (AMP)

And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] **continued to behold** [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are **constantly being transfigured** into **His very own image** in ever increasing splendor and **from one degree of glory to another**; [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit.

Romans 12:2 (NKJV)

...be transformed by the renewing of your mind...

Colossians 3:2 (NKJV)

Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

What you continually look to, you eventually look like

You are transformed to the degree you keep your attention on Him

POINT 7 — Transformation Reorders Pursuit and Loyalty

Matthew 6:24 (NKJV)

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Philippians 3:8 (NLT)

Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ

God is not really first until He is valued most

We need to seek His plan and stop trying to get Him to bless ours



Living a Life of Transformation, Not Imitation Sunday, October 26, 2025

A transformed life is not achieved through effort — it is received through surrender.

POINT 1 — Transformation Begins With Godly Wisdom

Proverbs 9:10 (NLT)

Fear of the Lord is the foundation/beginning of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment.

The fear of the Lord means having such deep respect, honor, and reverence for God that it affects the way you live

James 1:5 (NKJV)

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him **ask of God**, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

James 1:6 (NKJV)

But let him **ask in faith**, with **no doubting**, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

James 1:7 (NKJV)

For **let not that man suppose** that he will receive anything from the Lord; **James 1:8 (NKJV)**

he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Proverbs 2:6 (ESV)

For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

1 Corinthians 2:14 (NKJV)

But **the natural man does not receive** the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are **spiritually discerned**.

Ephesians 1:17 (NKJV)

...may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him.

Transformation begins the moment His voice becomes your counsel

POINT 2 — Transformation Depends on the Condition of the Heart

Mark 4:14 (NKJV)

The sower sows the word.

Mark 4:15 (NKJV)

...Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts.

Mark 4:20 (NKJV)

...those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit...

There are 4 types of hearers listed

- 1. Indifferent Hearers (Mark 4:15).
- 2. Superficial Hearers (Mark 4:16–17).
- 3. Worldly Hearers (Mark 4:18–19).
- 4. Receptive Hearers. Those who do God's Word (Mark 4:20).

Proverbs 4:23 (NKJV)

Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.

Hosea 10:12 (NKJV)

Sow for yourselves righteousness; Reap in mercy; **Break up your fallow ground**, For it is time to seek the Lord, Till He comes and rains righteousness on you.

Fruit doesn't grow in hardened ground — it starts in a yielded heart

POINT 3 — Transformation Is Proven by Obedience, Not Appearance

Matthew 7:24 (NKJV)

whoever hears... and does them... built his house on the rock.

Matthew 7:25 (NKJV)

...and it did not fall...

Matthew 7:26 (NKJV)

...hears and does not do... built on the sand.

John 14:21 (NASB)

He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me.

James 1:22 (NKJV)

But be **doers** of the word, and **not hearers only**, **deceiving** yourselves.

Luke 6:46 (NKJV)

"Why call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?"

Imitation listens — transformation obeys

Don't measure growth by knowledge, but by obedience

POINT 4 — Confession Without Surrender Is Imitation

Matthew 7:21 (NKJV)

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

Matthew 7:22 (NKJV)

Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' Matthew 7:23 (NKJV)

And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

Titus 1:16 (NKJV)

They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him...

Isaiah 29:13 (NLT)

And so the Lord says, "These people say they are mine. They honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me...

1 Samuel 16:7 (NLT)

The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but **the Lord looks at the heart**."

POINT 5 — A Form of Godliness Without Power Is Carnality Disguised

2 Timothy 3:5 (NLT)

They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!

2 Timothy 4:3 (NKJV)

For the time will come when they will **not endure sound doctrine**, but **according to their own desires**, because they have itching ears, they will **heap up for themselves teachers**;

Romans 8:5 (NLT)

Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit.

Galatians 5:17 (NASB)

...the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit...

1 Corinthians 4:20 (NLT)

For the Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk; it is living by God's power.

The Holy Spirit cannot transform what the flesh still protects

Yield the will, not just the actions — power follows surrender