

GOD'S PART AND MY PART IN MY TRANSFORMATION

Philippians 2:12-13

¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed - not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence - continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

"Work out" - "Your salvation" - "God works in you"

I. GOD'S PART IN MY TRANSFORMATION - 3 TOOLS HE USES

1. _____

¹⁶⁻¹⁷ The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us do what is right. It is God's way of making us well prepared at every point. **2 Timothy 3:16-17** LB

2. _____

¹¹ Once the Spirit ... lives within you, He will bring to your whole being ... new strength and vitality. **Romans 8:11** Ph

¹⁸ As the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like Him. **1 Cor. 3:18** LB

3. _____

²⁸⁻²⁹ To those who love God and are called according to his plans, everything that happens fits into a pattern for good. For God chose us to bear the family likeness of his Son. **Rom. 8:28-29** Ph

³⁰ Sometimes it takes a painful situation to make us change our ways. **Prov. 20:30** GN

II. MY PART IN MY TRANSFORMATION - MY THREE CHOICES

1. I can choose _____.

²³ Be careful how you think. Your life is shaped by your thoughts. **Prov. 4:23** GN

²³⁻²⁵ Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the 'new self' that has been created in God's way. **Eph 4:23-25** Jer

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. **Romans 12:2**

The order: Think - Feel - Act

VALUE OF BIBLE MEDITATION

¹ Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. ² But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night. ³ They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do. **Psalm 1:1-3**

⁸ And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. **Philippians 4:8**

¹⁶ Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. **Colossians 3:16**

⁹ How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word. ¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. **Psalm 119:9, 11**

⁸ Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. **Joshua 1:8**

2. I can choose _____.

⁴⁻⁵ Take care to live in Me and let Me live in you. For a branch can't produce fruit when severed from the vine. Nor can you be fruitful apart from Me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him shall produce a large crop of fruit. **John 15:4-5** LB

3. I can choose _____.

²⁻⁴ When all kinds of trials crowd into your lives, don't resent them as intruders but welcome them as friends! Realize that they come to test your faith and produce in you the quality of endurance. But let the process go on until that endurance is fully developed and you become people of mature character, people of integrity, with no weak spots. **James 1:2-4** Ph

³⁻⁴ We can be full of joy here and now, even in our trials and troubles. These very things will give us patient endurance; this in turn will develop a mature character. **Romans 5:3-4**

TAKE HOME APPLICATION

1. What scripture has God used to change the way you think?
2. In what area of your life (relationship, work, habits, personal growth, spiritual decision, etc.) has the Spirit of God directed your thinking recently?
3. What circumstance God is using to test your faith and produce in you the quality of endurance in these days?

(The Bible; The Holy Spirit; Circumstances; What I think about; to depend on God's Spirit moment by moment; my response to circumstances)