
What Does It Take to Change a Person? 3 Essentials of Sanctification

Moses called all Israel, and said to them: "Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your hearing today, that you may learn them and be careful to observe them. (Deuteronomy 5:1)

3 Essentials of Sanctification: Listen to the Word | Learn the Word | Live the Word
Sanctification = Godly Change: Change your thinking. Change your talking. Change your relationships. Change your habits.

Essential #1: LISTEN to the WORD (Two Parts):

The Pastor's Part:

1. To Rightly Divide God's Word

2 Tim 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

1 Tim 5:17 Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.

2 Tim 1:13 Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. (2 Tim 3:14; Titus 1:9)

2. To Clearly Explain God's Word

Neh 8:8 So they read distinctly from the book, in the Law of God; and they gave the sense, and helped *them* to understand the reading.

3. To Faithfully Proclaim God's Word

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4. To Fully Proclaim God's Word

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Titus 1:13-14 This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, ¹⁴ not giving heed to Jewish fables and commandments of men who turn from the truth.

Titus 2:1-15 But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine: (Titus 3:1-8)

Titus 3:1-8 Remind them to be subject to rulers..., to obey, to be ready for every good work, ² to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men

5. To Carefully Supervise the Teaching of God's Word

1 Tim 1:3-7 ³ As I urged you when I went into Macedonia-- remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine, ⁴ nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather

than godly edification which is in faith. ⁵ Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, *from* a good conscience, and *from* sincere faith, ⁶ from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk, ⁷ desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm.

2 Tim 2:2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

Titus 1:10-14 For there are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, ¹¹ whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole households, teaching things which they ought not, for the sake of dishonest gain. ...¹³ ... Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, ¹⁴ not giving heed to Jewish fables and commandments of men who turn from the truth. (1 Tim 6:3-5)

The Believer's Part:

1. To Purposefully Pursue God's Word

John 17:17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

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

2. To Faithfully Attend for Teaching of the Word

3. To Purposefully Focus on the Word

2 Tim 3:16-17 All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

4. To Carefully Reject Listening to Wrong Teaching

Jer 23:16-17 Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; They speak a vision of their own heart, Not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷ They continually say to those who despise Me, 'The LORD has said, "You shall have peace";' And *to* everyone who walks according to the dictates of his own heart, they say, 'No evil shall come upon you.'"

1 Tim 4:1-3 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons...

2 Tim 3:1-7 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: ² For men will be...lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away...⁷ always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2 Tim 3:13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

2 Tim 4:3-4 ³ 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; ⁴ and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.