
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. To Clearly Explain God's Word
3. To Faithfully Proclaim God's Word
4. To Fully Proclaim God's Word
5. To Carefully Supervise the Teaching of God's Word

The Believer's Part:

1. To Purposefully Pursue God's Word
2. To Faithfully Attend for Teaching of the Word
3. To Purposefully Focus on the Word
4. To Carefully Reject Listening to Wrong Teaching

Essential #2: LEARN to the WORD

1. Understand the Intent of Listening to God's Word

Deut 5:1 Moses called all Israel, and said to them: "Hear...that you may learn them and be careful to observe them. ()

2. Practice the Renewing of Your Mind

a. Change How You View Things

Rom 12:2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service.

b. Change What You Put Into Your Mind

² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Col 3:9-10 Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, ¹⁰ and have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

c. Change What You Seek with Your Heart

Col 3:1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

d. Change What You Set Your Mind On

Col 3:2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

3. Follow the Process of Learning God's Word

a. Remove myself from wrong input

Ps 97:10 You who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.

Ps 101:4 A perverse heart shall depart from me; I will not know wickedness.

Prov 8:13 The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate.

b. Remove myself from distracting input

Ps 101:3 I will set nothing wicked [vain; worthless] before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away; It shall not cling to me.

Luke 8:14 Now the ones *that* fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.

c. Value God's Word rightly

Ps 19:7-11 ⁷ The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple; ⁸ The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes; ⁹ The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired *are they* than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. ¹¹ Moreover by them Your servant is warned, *And* in keeping them *there is* great reward. (2 Tim 3:16)

Ps 119:162 I rejoice at Your word As one who finds great treasure.

d. Receive sound Biblical input repeatedly

Col 1:28 Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

Col 2:7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving

e. Review sound Biblical input regularly

Phil 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy-- meditate on these things.

f. Memorize sound Biblical content purposefully

Ps 119:11 Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!

g. Meditate on sound Biblical content continually

Ps 119:14-16 I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, As *much as* in all riches. ¹⁵ I will meditate on Your precepts, And contemplate Your ways. ¹⁶ I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.