
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

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**
2. **Practice the Renewing of Your Mind**
 - a. Change How You View Things (Rom 12:1)
 - b. Change What You Put Into Your Mind (Rom 12:2; Col 3:9-10)
 - c. Change What You Seek with Your Heart (Col 3:1)
 - d. Change What You Set Your Mind On (Col 3:2)
3. **Follow the Process of Learning God's Word**
 - a. Remove myself from wrong input (Ps 97:10; 101:4; Prov 8:13)
 - b. Remove myself from distracting input (Ps 101:3; Lu 8:14)
 - c. Value God's Word rightly (Ps 19:7-11; 119:162; 2 Tim 3:16)
 - d. Receive sound Biblical input repeatedly (Col 1:28; 2:7)
 - e. Review sound Biblical input regularly (Phil 4:8)
 - f. Memorize sound Biblical content purposefully (Ps 119:11)
 - g. Meditate on sound Biblical content continually (Ps 119:14-16; Col 3:16)

Essential #3: LIVE the WORD

1. Discipleship Requires Listening, Learning, and Doing

Mt 28:19-20 ¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; ...

2. The Evidence of Loving Jesus Is Obedience

John 14:15 If you love Me, keep My commandments.

3. The Purposes of Teaching Are Maturity and Service

Eph 4:11-16 And He Himself gave some... pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴ that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head-- Christ-- ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

4. Living Involves Putting Off and Putting On

Col 3:5-16 Therefore **put to death** your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, ⁷ in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. ⁸ But now you yourselves are to **put off** all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. ⁹ 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, ¹¹ where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave *nor* free, but Christ *is* all and in all. ¹² Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, **put on** tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*. ¹⁴ But above all these things **put on** love, which is the bond of perfection.

5. Discipleship Is Walking by the Truth

1 John 1:6-7 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and **walk** in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we **walk** in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 2:4-6 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵ But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. ⁶ He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to **walk** just as He walked.

Eph 4:1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to **walk** worthy of the calling with which you were called,

4:17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer **walk** as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind,

5:2 And **walk** in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

5:8 For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. **Walk** as children of light

5:15-16 See then that you **walk** circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, ¹⁶ redeeming the time, because the days are evil.