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You Can Change



- There is **absolutely** no question; you have the **potential** to change.

Romans 12:2

²Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

- Your life will change one **thought** at a time
- The **highest** calling of our lives is to be like **Jesus**

Ephesians 4:22-24

²²You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

- **Salvation** is a free gift, you can't **earn** it
- You have to **work out** your salvation (Philippians 2:12)
- God is not looking to keep **good things** from you, in fact it is just the **opposite**, He wants you to experience life to the **full** (John 10:10)

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

³For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. ⁴The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. ⁵We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

- The battle for your thoughts does not take place in the **natural** realm but in the **spiritual**
- We have to demolish **strongholds**

- **Stubborn** thoughts that are contrary to the Word of God that you can't **overcome**

- You **can** win this battle if you follow **God's** battle plan

Proverbs 23:7 (NKJV)

⁷For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. "Eat and drink!" he says to you, But his heart is not with you.

- Be **aware** of the thoughts you are thinking
 - Do you think more about your **problems** or God's **promises**
- **Focus** your mind on the thoughts of God
 - **Only** the word of God contains the **power** to change your life
- You have to **practice** a new way of thinking until it becomes a part of you
 - Strongholds are not only **stubborn** but they are also **comfortable**