

Pentachotomy Part 2

How God Changes Us The Cycle of Change

Overview: Understanding how God changes you will help to set you free from the snares of the devil by breaking bad habits, tearing down strongholds and removing his hooks from your soul.

A. Understanding How We Change

1. How does the Word of God change us?
 - a) Hear the Word to renew your mind. Rom 10:17; Mark 4:3-32
 - b) Act on the Word to change your heart. James 1:21-26 (Refer Ampl for v21); 2:17; Psa1:2
 - c) The heart teaches the mouth. Pro 16:23; Matt 12:34
 - d) Speak the Word to deliver your soul from troubles and snares. Pro 6:2; 21:23; 15:4; 18:21
 - e) Your body is transformed as your mind is renewed & as your soul prospers. Rom 12:2; 3 John 2
 - f) As your body prospers, you will desire to hear more of God's Word. Mark 4:24; Matt 13:12

Note: Faith (in God) comes by hearing the Word (of God).
2. How do the experiences of life change us?
 - a) A thought creates a desire in the mind.
 - b) Meditating on the desire places it into the heart. Joshua 1:8; Matt 5:28
 - c) Out of the heart, the desire is spoken as a wish, objective or goal.
 - d) The soul is impacted by the goal which has been spoken.
 - e) The body moves toward the goal.

Note: Faith (in satan or sin) comes by hearing the word (of sin).

B. Your Heart Controls Your Change

1. Your Heart is the Accelerator of your life.
 - a) The heart is a veil, separating the spirit from the soul. 2 Cor 3:14-15
 - b) The power of God flows from the spirit through the softened areas of the heart.
 - c) Out of the heart flow all the issues of life. Pro 4:20-23
 - d) The natural cycle of change is Mind, Heart, Tongue, Soul, Body.
 - e) The supernatural cycle is Mind, Heart, (Power of the Holy Spirit), Tongue, Soul and Body.
 - f) The anointing of God is released through the heart as the Word of God softens the heart.
 - g) Analogies are: baking powder (yeast); car's starter; gas pedal; fuse for a bomb.
2. Guarding Your Heart
 - a) Guard with all diligence ... issues of life. Pro 4:20-23
 - b) As a man thinks in his heart, so is he. Pro 23:7
 - c) Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth.... Matt 12:34
 - d) By your words you shall be justified. Matt 12:37
 - e) The heart overrides the decisions of the mind.
 - f) That which is already in the heart will reproduce itself.
 - g) The heart is the controller for the anointing through:
 - Parting/closing the veil of the heart (i.e., softening/hardening).
 - Meditating on the things of God or the actions of the enemy.
 - Letting the Spirit accelerate the process of changing the heart.
 - Quenching the Holy Spirit.
 - Producing the words, spoken as blessing or cursing.

C. Guarding Your Mind

1. The Battle for your Mind
 - a) Opposing forces are battling for your mind. 2 Cor 10:3; Eph 6:10-18 esp 16
 - b) Casting down imaginations and every high thing. 2 Cor 10:4,5
 - c) Be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Rom 12:2
 - d) Think upon that which is true, honest Phil 4:8
 - e) To him who is pure, all things are pure. Titus 1:15
 - f) What impacts your 5 senses will impact your mind.
2. Guarding your Five Senses
 - a) Acting on thoughts will place them into your heart.
 - b) Seeing and hearing are the main producers of your thought life.
 - c) Faith in anything comes by hearing about that thing.
 - d) The soul is the goal-setter and achiever.
 - e) The eyes are the windows to the soul.
 - f) Taste/alcohol; Smell/perfume; Touch/sex.
 - g) Your mind-actions will be deposited into your heart. Acting on what is in your mind (e.g., fantasy, speaking, doing) will deposit it into your heart.
 - h) Seeing, hearing, imagining, meditating, fantasizing, studying, muttering, speaking, doing.

Summary:

1. Put the Word in first place in your life
 - a) Study the Word.
 - b) Believe the Word.
 - c) Act on/Do the Word.
 - d) Speak the Word.
2. Protect yourself
 - a) Guard your heart.
 - b) Guard your mind.

Suggestion: Practice by picking a bad habit and affirming/meditating a Scripture to break it.