

A LIFE OF CHANGE (II Corinthians 5:17)

The bible is very clear in that when a person comes to a saving knowledge of Christ there will at least begin to be some positive changes in that persons life.

Romans 8:28-29 We are all a work in progress but there should soon be evidences of spiritual growth in our thinking, our speech, our desires and our actions. Some of these differences are more evident in some but everyone should have some of the following.

A Love For Christ

Romans 5:8; I John 4:19 We often hear people testify that they looked for God and finally found Him. The bible also testifies but it tells us that it was God who first loved us, it was Him looking for us.

John 3:16; I John 3:16 The first thing that should be apparent in a new believers life is a new found love for Jesus Christ due to the fact of such a sacrifice made for sinners that were blind to God's love.

A Love For God's Word

II Timothy 3:16 As soon as person receives Christ as Savior a burning desire to know as much about Him usually floods the heart. A realization of being part of the family of God should give us a hunger for the food that will help us grow and understand who God is and what His desire is for us.

Ephesians 6:12-17; James 1:22 We must get grounded in how to fight the Devil and all those that will try and get us off track. Those who ignore God's word as new believers will undoubtedly soon fail.

A Desire To Pray

Galatians 4:4-7 Once we have been born again God has given us the Holy Spirit who lives and abides within us and He gives us a desire to pray to our heavenly Father as adopted children.

Philippians 4:6-7 If we are to receive the peace of God within our hearts we must learn to take our problems and our issues along with our thanksgiving and desires to Him in prayer.

A Desire To Put Down The Flesh

Romans 7:18-25; John 12:24 The New Testament is full of scripture referring to the sin nature that continues to try and gain a foothold in our lives. We must understand the battle within us and fight it.

Galatians 5:13; Philippians 3:3-7 Paul is constantly warning believers to be careful regarding putting any trust or confidence in our flesh (feelings, emotions, pride, experience, works) over God.

A Desire To Produce Fruit

Galatians 5:22-23 As we learn about the characteristics and personality of God, we need to allow Him to take control of our life so those around us can see God in us and desire to know more of Him.

John 15:5; James 3:17-18 We are admonished by Jesus and others to produce the fruits that will identify us as belonging to the family of God and representing Jesus Christ in a honorable way.

A Desire To Walk By Faith

II Corinthians 5:7; Galatians 2:20; Philippians 3:17 We must learn early that God expects us to walk and live under the guidance of trusting His word supremely over self, others, and circumstances.