

Do You Have the Will The Faces of Change! *Slide Notations*

Last Two Weeks... Been talking to you about the volunteer cover letter... Inserted to support our standards of safe-service and moral-modeling... Drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, illicit sexuality... (carry unique spirits) Emerged during our identity as "C" Christians... Wanted to be done... but...

So many good things still on the table for people who really understand... You desire truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden *part* You will make me to know wisdom. **Ps51.6** The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts. **Pr 20.27** The blueness of a wound cleanses away evil: so *do* stripes the inward parts of the belly. **Pr20.30**

Jeremiah 31.33-34 This will be My covenant; I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they will be my people. And they won't have to teach every man, saying, Know the LORD: for they will all know me, from the least to the greatest, for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

**Fulfilled but unrealized prophecy!
Live in a diet pill society!**

Last Week... Story of a man who was quitting the church because he was concerned who we would "pick on next!" (*mindset*) Named two categories... **Flip it: where does compromise stop?** Gave you the Russian Roulette analogy dealing w/tobacco issue... *Went home and saw this...*
Smoking ad...

So much trans-gen and peer-gen destruction from the sin of self-indulgence, from people who call themselves Christians!

Adults in this room... Don't want their kids to die of cancer... *But use tobacco products...* Barrel spinning! Know teens who have died in DDA's... *Parents have alcohol/drugs in the house!* "If they're going to drink, and they will, let them drink here!" *HUH? Makes sense?* Don't want kids involved in pre-mature sex but... *still doing sleep overs as adults!* Anger, rage, abuse, prejudice... all passing down to next-gen!

Exactly what the Spirit of God is after... changing, rearranging, transforming us to "C" Christianity... modeling safe, moral lives!

Can give you dozens of negative trans-gen stories...but few like Muriel's...

The changing and rearranging words we have been hearing *are for us...* not someone else!

Last Week... Had victory stories, not so victorious experiences! People who don't recognize the work of the Holy Spirit to challenge/change... People who don't stay around long enough to find out truth behind it... Why is it only "*legalism*" in church? People who love themselves more than others! **2T3.1-5** People who step away...

2Timothy 3.1-5 In the last days men will weaken: they will be lovers of themselves and of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

Chilling cases of men "ever learning but never coming to truth; corrupt and reprobate who will go no further!" 2T3.7-9

If you are younger than 4-5yrs old in Christ, have room for “mistakes...” you have a lot to learn and we will help you... But after significant time you call yourself a Christian you are to be held accountable for your growth and actions!

Call to maturity! “High time to wake up...” **R13.11-14** “The time has come that you should be teaching, eating meat...” **H5.12-14** “Move beyond the elemental stage... we believe better things of you, things that accompany salvation, which is why we’re speaking up!” **H6.1-9** “Herein is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and that your fruit remains!” **J15**

We, seeing the glory of the Lord, are being changed progressively into the same image by the Spirit of the Lord. **2C3.18** But the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ, after you have suffered a while, will make you perfect, established, strong, and settled. **1P5.10**

When He ascended He gave gifts to men... apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers for the maturing of the saints for the work of their ministry and to build up the body of Christ so that we would no longer be children tossed around, carried away with every wind of doctrine but that we may grow up in Him, the head of the Church, in all things! **E4.8-15**

So the guy who I love... “Who are we going to pick on next, Tat's and spikes?” Not going to war on those because they lack discernable spirits other than human self-will, self-rule... But another guy did come up after service and ask me for my take on “Tat’s” “Pre-or-post Christianity?” Answer is different! Ignorance is painful!

If you begin asking questions because of an “inner hesitation” it’s a good sign you're at a change point!

And what is worth holding on to if it threatens “your child?”

Mk 10.15, Lk 18.17 Truly I say unto you, Whosoever will not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he will not enter therein. Truly I say unto you, Whosoever will not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will in no wise enter therein.

Two Faces... One that’s viewed earthside!

The face of a warrior/rescuer... Disciplined/trained/“flint faced” Living in troubled times (tribulation). Unafraid to live in greater tribulation! Running in when others running out!

Good people, God’s people cannot do “nothing!”

Two Faces... One that’s seen from Heaven!

The face of a son/daughter, a simple childlike approach and response to God! This is mine and that is not? OK Dad! You want me to do that and stop doing that? OK Dad! You want me to be here and not over there? OK Dad!

It’s time to face struggles like men and God like a child... instead of the other way around!