A Life of Change and Constantsw

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INTRODUCTION

- Our South Bumby theme this year is transformations. And there are actually two ways in which spiritual transformations occur.
- When changes are applied to our life, spiritual transformation occurs. But also when constants are kept, when we keep to the constants of the Lord, that is when transformation occurs.

1 Changes Applied: Lowliness of Mind

Ephesians 4:1–2

- Spiritual transformations can occur in our life when changes are applied.
- When he talks about this word lowliness, he's talking about the idea of humility.
- That we don't say, well, look what I did, but look what the Lord can do through us all.
- We have to change our mindset to say it's not all about me. Life is about the Lord.

2 Gentleness: We Change Our Muscle

Ephesians 4:2

- Gentleness is a nice word. That's when we change our muscle. We change to be meek, we change to be lowly.
- If he wanted to come with muscle, he could have, but he didn't. He came meek, he came lowly.
- For a soft answer turneth away wrath. But a harsh word stirs up strife.
- We need to be meek, we need to be gentle.

3 Changes Applied to Our Patience

Ephesians 4:2

- Third, spiritual transformation occurs when changes are applied to our patience.
- We can really truly spiritually transform our life when we're not rushing through everything.
- We need to be patient with one another, forbearing with one another, long suffering with one another.
- We need to change our foot race, though, to link arm in arm and run together.

4 The Ultimate Change: The Change of Our Heart

Ephesians 4:2

- When we give up self and selfishness, the ultimate change that needs to be applied is the change of our heart.
- The ingredient of love is to change my heart to give up selfishness.

5 Spiritual Lives Transform When Constants Are Kept

Philippians 2:1; Ephesians 1; Hebrews 13:8

- Therefore, if there is any consolation in Christ, any comfort of love, any fellowship of the Spirit, any joy, any affection, if there's any mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded.
- Since I'm aware of this, spiritual lives transform when constants are kept.
- He's always comforting. He's always trying to find a way to console.
- They're not something that God is on again, off again. They're consistent with the Lord, and he's always going to show his fellowship and affection and mercy.
- Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

6 Fulfill My Joy by Being Like-Minded

Philippians 2:2–4; Philippians 2:5–9; Colossians 3

- Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind, let each one of you esteem others better than himself.
- Joy is what we have when we know we have salvation in the Lord.
- He's saying we should be the type of people that savor in the mind the same things.
- Have the same love, have the same sacrifice, be willing to be sacrificial, sacrifice for one another.
- If you can conjure up in your mind whatever the opposite of selfishness is, that's love.

THE CHALLENGE

If there are changes you know you need to make, you need to do, make those changes, but also recognize, follow after the pattern of the Lord's consistency. Follow after his constants.

MY NOTES