

Empowered to Bring Change

1 Corinthians 2:4-5 (AMP)

⁴ And my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom [using clever rhetoric], but [they were delivered] in demonstration of the Holy Spirit [operating through me] and of [His] power [stirring the minds of the listeners and persuading them], ⁵ so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom *and* rhetoric of men, but on the power of God.

Isaiah 43:18-19 (NLT)

¹⁸ “But forget all that—it is nothing compared to what I am going to do.

¹⁹ For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it. I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.

God has EMPOWERED YOU to Make a Difference in 2024!

Change is hard! Trying to change is draining. Our problem is a deficit in POWER!

Hebrews 6:9,11-12 (NKJV)

⁹ But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you... ¹¹ And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, ¹² that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

God is about to do a NEW THING in YOU in 2024!

1. Think Differently About Yourself.

You do what you do because of what you think you are.

-Craig Groeschel

Proverbs 23:7 (NASB)

For as he thinks within himself, so he is.

Romans 12:2 (NLT)

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Philippians 1:6 (NLT)

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

Philippians 4:13 (NLT)

For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

2. Define Your Win.

2 Corinthians 9:24 (NLT)

Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win.

1 Corinthians 9:27 (NLT)

I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.

Training is doing today what you can do today so that you can do tomorrow what you can't do today. – Craig Groeschel

**The path to public success is always paved with private discipline.
-Craig Groeschel**

1 Timothy 4:8 (NLT)

Physical training is good, but training for godliness is better, promising benefits in this life and the life to come.

3. Identify the Habits Needed to Bring Change.

Daniel 6:10 (NLT)

But when Daniel learned that the law had been signed, he went home and knelt down as usual in his upstairs room, with its windows open toward Jerusalem. He prayed three times a day, just as he had always done, giving thanks to his God.

Galatians 6:9 (NLT)

Let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

4. Rely on God's Power Instead of Willpower.

Romans 7:18-19 (NLT)

¹⁸ And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't. ¹⁹ I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway.

Quit Relying on Your Willpower and Begin Trusting in God's Power!

Ephesians 1:19-20 (NLT)

¹⁹ I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power ²⁰ that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms.

Galatians 5:16-17 (NLT)

¹⁶ So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. ¹⁷ The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions.

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