



Applying the Truth

Transformation #1

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What do the following passages reveal about God's highest priority for every Christian?

Romans 8:28, 29

Romans 12:1, 2

2 Corinthians 3:18

Philippians 3:20, 21

What is the goal beyond salvation? Look up "transformation" in the dictionary. How does that describe what God is doing in your life?

Re-read the above passages and meditate on them for a few minutes. What are some of the characteristics of spiritual transformation described in these passages?

Who is responsible for it?

Where does it begin?

When does it happen?

What might it look like?

Contemplate what part you might play in God's transforming work? Do you think you play any part at all?

Read Philippians 2:12, 13 carefully. If the Bible makes it clear that we can't save ourselves, what could Paul possibly mean when he commands us to "work out your own salvation?" In what ways does God involve us in the process of His transforming work?

What are areas in your life when trying harder is simply not enough to effect change? In those situations, what else was needed?

Read 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27. Why do you think Paul uses the metaphor of running a race to describe the Christian life? How is it similar? What does Paul say is necessary in verse 25 to be able to live effectively? What is the difference between "trying and training?"

"Spiritual Growth is not so much a matter of _____ harder, but a matter of _____ wisely."

How do we train? What is God's work-out program for the Christian?

If you were to really begin taking responsibility for your spiritual growth, how would your schedule change? What would you do more? Less? Different?

Pray, asking God to give you wisdom and insight into how He wants you to be involved with Him in your transformation.