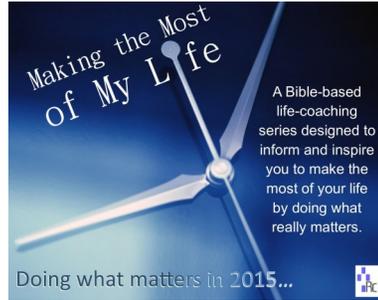


Making the Most of My Life 2015 Dealing With My Desires Pt 2



God does not just change us to be what He wants without _____.

Jn. 15:1-10 MSG The Vine and the Branches

1. For life-change to happen, when you connect your life with Jesus you need to let _____ begin to come into your life.

“...for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose” (Phip 2:13 NIV).

2. For life-change to happen, you have to recognize that the pain God allows is called _____.

The reason pruning is necessary for plants and trees is because the nutrition and energy is going to parts that aren't going to _____.
Pruning is God's participation in our lives, at our _____.

“For his wrath is only momentary; yet his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may lodge for the night, but shouts of joy will come in the morning” (Ps. 30:5 ISV).

3. For life-change to happen, I have to let God _____ me to His likeness.

Formula: “We ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through every kind of spiritual wisdom and insight. We ask this so that you will live the kind of lives that prove you belong to the Lord. Then you will want to please him in every way as you grow...” (Col. 1:9-10 GW).

Three steps to change my desires:

Step 1 Ask for God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through every kind of spiritual wisdom and insight.”

Step 2 Let that knowledge begin to make a difference in how you _____.

Step 3 Then we will want to please God in every way as we grow.

Life-long change is dependent upon what you did with the _____ God gave you.

Jesus told this story: “A farmer planted seed. As he scattered the seed, some of it fell on the road, and birds ate it. Some fell in the gravel; it sprouted quickly but didn't put down roots, so when the sun came up it withered just as quickly. Some fell in the weeds; as it came up, it was strangled by the weeds. Some fell on good earth, and produced a harvest beyond his wildest dreams” (Matthew 13:3-8 MSG).

1. The seed scattered on the _____: “When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart.” (Matthew 13:18-10 NIV).

The word translated “understand”: To set or bring together, in a _____ sense, of combatants. To set or join together in the mind.

2. The seed sown on _____: “The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away” (Matt. 13:20-21 NIV).

3. The seed sown among the _____: “The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful” (Matt. 13:22 NIV).

4. The seed sown on _____: “But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown” (Matt. 13:23 NIV).

“Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (Jn. 14:6 NIV).

Professing Jesus to be _____ isn't enough. Jesus said, “Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter” (Matt. 7:21 NIV).