

6. _____.

Romans 8:13 *for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.*

2 Corinthians 10:5 *We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,*

Galatians 5:24 *Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*

7. _____.

2 Corinthians 1:24 *[we] are workers with you for your joy.*

“The Power of God” by Dr. Kevin Bauder <http://bit.ly/1P8Vztg>
“Trading One Dramatic Resolution for 10,000 Little Ones” by Paul Tripp <http://bit.ly/1m87wrE>

Introduction:

Philippians 1:6

Ephesians 3:20

Taking personal responsibility for change

Philippians 3:11-14

1 Thessalonians 4:1, 10

1 Timothy 4:7, 16

Personal change matters to God

Romans 12:2; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Romans 8:29; Galatians 4:19

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Seven illustrations of personal change

1. _____.

Ephesians 4:13-15 *[grow] to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ ... no longer to be children ... we are to grow up...*

1 Corinthians 14:20 *Brethren, do not be children in your thinking; yet in evil be infants, but in your thinking be mature.*

2. _____.

Ephesians 4:24 *Put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.*

Colossians 3:9-14 *You laid aside the old self with its evil practices, and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him ... put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.*

3. _____.

Ephesians 1:18-19 *I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.*

Ephesians 3:18-19 *[that you] may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge...*

4. _____.

1 Corinthians 9:27 *but I discipline my body and make it my slave...*

Romans 6:19 *Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness.*

Ephesians 5:18 *Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.*

5. _____.

2 Timothy 2:20-22 *Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work. So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.*

2 Corinthians 7:1 *Let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*

1 Peter 1:22 *Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart.*