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Today, we live in a world of rapid change. The evidence of change is all around us: Romans 12:2 says. "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will."

The only constant in life is change. Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery but today is a gift from God. That's why we call it the "present" And the choices we make are ultimately our own destiny. Are you a Change Agent or a Victim? The choice is yours? Understanding how to view, respond to and benefit from change is vital to a well-balanced and fulfilled life. Because to improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often. New information in a mind can cause it to change the way it reacts or responds to a situation or a crisis. How you handle a situation is based upon what information in your mind that you have acquired. All information will cause you to change, either for the negative or the positive. It's up to the individual to accept or reject the right information.

Keep this in mind:

Health may give place to sickness,  
pleasure may give place to pain,  
plenty may give place to poverty,  
love may give place to enmity,  
honor may give place to disgrace,  
strength may give place to weakness,  
and life may give place to death.

The process never ends until we die. In all of this, we must learn how to trust God through the process of change. Bible says in Psalm 48:14 "For such is God, Our God forever and ever; He will guide us until death." Bible shows us how to change and improve ourselves to become what God wants. Jesus said, "you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:32) The only way to replace the error of the world's way of thinking is to replace it with God's truth, and the only infallible source of God's truth is found in his revealed word, the Bible. There are no shortcuts. There is no magic formula for renewing our minds. We must fill our minds with God's word. This is why Jesus prayed, "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth" (John 17:17).

Nothing worth having comes easy, but the rewards are worth the effort. In order for us to grow in maturity and in character, we must first seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness. Spiritual transformation starts in the mind of an individual. A mind dedicated to God has no room for world obsession. We can resist the temptation to conform to the pattern of this world by meditating, reading and studying the Word of God, and allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us to that truth. Jesus said John 16:13 "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come" We have to allow, or submit, our will to Holy Spirit and in doing this, God gets the glory.

Remember, our one constant in the midst of rapid change is God the Creator. Despite the fact that everything on earth changes, God declares when speaking to the prophet Malachi: "For I, the Lord, do not change..." One of the attributes of God is that He is Immutable... meaning that He never changes. God is the only person that is not subject to change. His nature never changes. (Malachi 3:6)

Everything else is changing, but the Lord God and Creator of the universe remains the same. This gives us confidence in the midst of these troubling and changing times. The greatest security against the disorientation and disruption of change is our reliance on the unchanging God. He is faithful to all His promises. No matter what changes may come in our life or on this earth, you can depend on Him to fulfill what He promised. Apostle Paul said: "For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us." (2 Corinthians 1:20). Keep in mind, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8)