



## BCF LESSON 7 Biblical Structure For Change

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? HAVE YOU EVER SAID.....

- Lord, I will love You and serve You .....as long as there is no \_\_\_\_\_ on my part.
- Lord, I will do whatever, say whatever, go wherever, change whatever You want me to.....as long as it's a \_\_\_\_\_ for me.
- Lord, I love to please You..... as long as it's in accordance with \_\_\_\_\_ plans.

But Lord, don't ask me to serve every week in a ministry.

Lord, please don't expect me to go witness to that person I don't know.

Lord you can't possibly want me to forgive that person who hurt my feelings.

\* The fact is: \_\_\_\_\_ devotion for Jesus will be manifest in the life of the Christian by they're desire to conform to the likeness of the Son as evidenced by the \_\_\_\_\_ they put into it.

John 14:21a (NKJV)<sup>21</sup> "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me.

The focus of this weeks lesson is Biblical change

### THIS WEEKS MEMORY VERSE

Ephesians 4:22-24 (NKJV)<sup>22</sup> that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, <sup>23</sup> and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, <sup>24</sup> and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

\* The theme for this lesson is: looking for, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ the PUT- ONS and PUT-OFFS that are found through out the entire Bible. When a put-on is given in scripture it is usually associated with a put-off.

#### A. Put-offs

1. Before you can put- off a sin, you must be able to \_\_\_\_\_ the sin by examining your life in the light of God's Word.

For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ of those sins. He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes *them* will have mercy. Proverbs 28:13 (NKJV)

3. Confess them. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9 (NKJV)

4. Put them aside. <sup>3</sup> For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.  
<sup>4</sup> For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,  
<sup>5</sup> casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God,  
bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NKJV)

**B. Put-ons** Reasons to follow God's word concerning put-ons.

1. You will \_\_\_\_\_ God. 1 Peter 4:11
2. You will \_\_\_\_\_ your love for God. 1 John 5:3
3. You will \_\_\_\_\_ Him in all things. Colossians 1:10  
According to that verse, what should our desire be?

**Paul gives four aspects of the walk of the Gentiles, which illustrate the absolute futility and insane purpose of the life of the lost man.**

1. "In the vanity of their mind or the futility of their thinking" means the empty illusion of the life that thinks there is satisfaction in sin.  
The Bible teaches that sin appears pleasurable for a season.
2. "Having the understanding darkened" means that the lost man has lost his \_\_\_\_\_ of moral values.
3. "Being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them" is a picture of all mankind without Christ. The result is a hardening of the heart. Hardening "is used medically to denote the callus formed when a bone has been fractured and reset. Such a callus is even harder than the bone itself." Romans 1:21, 1 Corinthians 1:18, 1 Corinthians 2:14  
Each time we \_\_\_\_\_ the tug from the Holy Spirit, and don't repent, our heart becomes a little more hardened and stubborn to change.
4. "Who, **being past feeling**, have given themselves over unto lasciviousness [which is uncleanness], to work all uncleanness with greediness [or covetousness]."  
Licentiousness is sin that flaunts itself, throwing off all restraint and having no sense of shame or fear; they don't care if they shock people. Uncleanness is a broad word, mostly with reference to sexual impropriety. Also defined as unbridled lust.

Vs. 20-21 Don't call Jesus teacher if your not willing to be taught by Him.

**The key to this passage of scripture:** Vs. 22-24

**There is a sacrifice.** Biblical change will not happen by accident or by osmosis

Wisdom is the \_\_\_\_\_ of knowledge (Hebrews 5:14)

Change is \_\_\_\_\_ for entrance into God's kingdom!

We are to put off the old man and put on the new man in the same manner that we change our clothes. It is like putting off an old and unclean garment and then putting on a garment that is new and clean.

# Homework

## Lesson 7

### Biblical Change

1. **Memory Verse:** Ephesians 4:22-24
2. **Read Lesson 7**
3. **Define the following:**
  - A. Old Self
  - B. New Self
  - C. Deceitful Lusts
  - D. Renewing the mind
4. Why is prayer necessary to bring change into your life?
5. Why is prayer alone not sufficient to bring about change?
6. **Complete the “Discovering Problem Patterns” worksheet** (Supplement 7, page 1) for the problem that God wants you to work on during this course. To help you understand it’s use, two examples of a completed worksheet are provided (Supplement 7, pages 2-3)