

## Something's Got To Change

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*And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.* Romans 12:2 NKJV

*Something's got to change.* Have you ever whispered those words into your heart? I've made that resolution many times, sometimes with the hopefulness of wide open spaces I had recently cleared to make room for God to move, and I've said those words in desperation as I sobbed over a sink filled with dirty dishes with two toddlers climbing my out-of-style skirt, trying to ignore the phone ringing in the background. Your life *can* change, and the change begins in you.

Notice I didn't say the change begins *with* you, but *in* you. Self-help is not much help at all. We are flawed creatures made of dust, incapable of fixing ourselves. However, God is able and willing to make incredible transformations in your life to take you to a new height of existence. Not merely surviving, but thriving. Not staring at life's challenges and wishing something would change, but creating within you the courageous tenacity that jumps in with the power of God and the confidence that you are indeed more than a conqueror in Jesus Christ. Romans 12:2 teaches the Christian to reject that which leads you down a path of spiritual dullness – conformity to the world – and to embrace that which places you on God's pottery wheel as wet clay ready to be molded and shaped – submitting your mind to the Holy Spirit to make new your thoughts toward God.

If you're hungry for change, allow Romans 12:2 to serve not only as encouragement, but also as a word of warning to the wise. Change is not good for the sake of change. Don't run down the first open path you lay eyes on. You want only to be transformed by God's power, not to be molded by your own will, your fears, fleshly desires, or the temptations of the world. You want to live out God's *good and acceptable and perfect will* for you. Anything less is robbing yourself and cheating the kingdom of God.

God welcomes you to enter into His presence to say, "Lord, please, something's got to change." Your challenge is to allow God to be sovereign in your life, determining when the change will occur, and what it is that's going to change. Perhaps your circumstances will change, or maybe your scenery, but don't be surprised if the greatest change occurs within you! Welcome the transformational power of the Holy Spirit, and get ready for a brand new day.