

Emmanuel Prayer list - June

Ukraine Update - Bruce and Deb Crowe - Mir Ministries

- Praise God for the humanitarian trip of 2,000kms, Bruce and son Clark drove much needed supplies to their hometown south of Kiev.
- Decisions are needed for the Romanian refugee housing situation.
- Pray for Lighthouse Ukrainian teams working with refugees.
- Safety for the widows during construction.
- Fuel needed for mobilization.
- Completion for the Lighthouse Building Project.
- God's direction and guidance for Bruce and Deb as they continue their mission.

Study continued

9. Step four says, "Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus." Imagine you were signing your name to a letter that you wrote for someone else (eg Peter Spragg *for* Joe Smith). You would want to make sure that everything you wrote reflected that person's wishes and desires, before you signed your name and theirs. Think of your life in that way, it is being lived as a letter on behalf of Jesus. (Read 2 Cor 3:2). How does this affect the way that we think your life?
10. Read Rom 12:1-2 again. Verse 2 ends with, "Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is..." THEN: When you have offered yourself as a living sacrifice, Holy & pleasing to God, when you have stopped living like the world, when you've been transformed by the renewing of your mind... Then you will be in tune with the Holy spirit to know the leading of God in your life. Why do you think these steps are important in being able to discern the will of God? (Also read John 10:27 and 1 Cor 2:14).

THE NEED FOR CHANGE

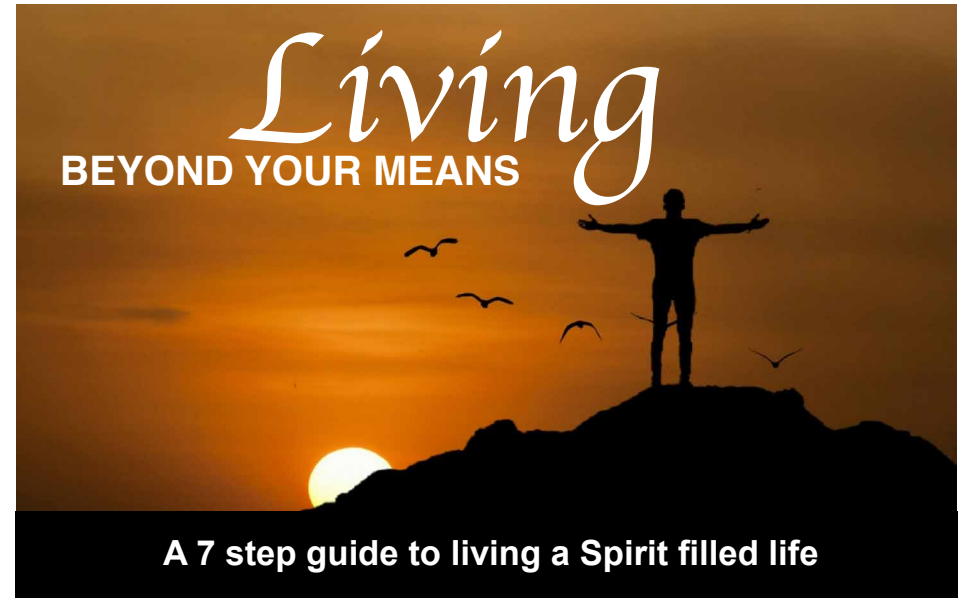
The epitaph, reportedly, of an 11th century Bishop buried in Westminster Abbey.

When I was young and free and my imagination had no limits, I dreamed of changing the world.

As I grew older and wiser, I discovered the world would not change, so I shortened my sights somewhat and decided to change only my country. But it too seemed immovable.

As I grew into my twilight years, in one last desperate attempt, I settled for changing only my family, those closest to me, but alas, they would have none of it.

And now as I lay on my deathbed, I suddenly realize: If I had only changed myself first, then by example, I would have changed my family. From their inspiration and encouragement, I would then have been able to better my country and, who knows, I may have even changed the world.



A study on Romans 12

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| 1. Surrendered | Romans 12:1 |
| 2. Changed | Romans 12:2 |
| 3. Obedient | Romans 12:3-8 |
| 4. Sincere | Romans 12:9-11 |
| 5. Reliant | Romans 12:12 |
| 6. Empathetic | Romans 12:13-16 |
| 7. Peaceful | Romans 12:17-21 |

Living Beyond Your Means - Changed - Rom 12:2

If things are going to improve, then something has to _____

DO NOT CONFORM ANY LONGER TO THE PATTERN OF THIS WORLD

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What is the pattern of this world includes:

BE TRANSFORMED BY _____ Rom 12:2

Transformed = metamorphoo =

(also Col 3:10)

What went wrong with us:

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God's renewal process:

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Four Steps to transformation: (Colossians 3:12-17)

1. Clothe yourself with the _____ (v.12-14)

2. Let the peace of Christ _____ in your hearts (v15)

Phil 4:6-7

3. Let the _____ of Christ dwell in you richly (v.16)

John 1:14

4. Whatever you do... do it all in the _____ of the Lord Jesus (v.17)

John 10:27

THE WILL OF GOD

_____ you will be able to _____ what the will of God is...

1 John 5:14-15

1. Read Romans 12:2. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world. The J. B. Phillips Bible says: Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mould.
The Message says: Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit in to it without even thinking.
How would you describe the 'pattern of this world and how it tries to mould us into it's image? How is it doing it? What aspects of our lives are affected?
2. How well do you handle change? How easily do you adapt to change? Have you ever tried to quit a habit, or change an attitude, how hard was it?
3. Romans 12:2 says do not conform... This is an instruction for us to follow, not an option for us to consider. Also read 1 John 2:15-17. Based on this, what should be our focus, and how do we fit normal every day things into our new focus?
4. Be transformed by the renewing of your mind. The word 'renewing' means to be made new again. What went wrong for us to have minds that didn't think in the way that we should think?
5. Colossians 3:10 talks about the "new self" being renewed in knowledge in the image of it's creator. What do you think this means?
6. Peter gave four steps to transformation, taken from Colossians 3:12-17. The first was to clothe yourselves with the attitude of Christ. From verses 12-14, what is this attitude? How do we clothe ourselves in it? (Peter used the example of Gill going out to do some gardening, so she put on her gardening clothes). For example if you are meeting someone that you have had conflict with you should 'put on' the clothes of forgiveness. What other examples can you think of, and how do we intentionally put on that attitude of Christ?
7. Step two was to let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. (Also read Philipians 4:6-7 and John 14:27). What is the peace of Christ?

If the peace of Christ is going to 'rule', in other words, to be in charge, or be the umpire, how do we let this be true in our lives?
8. Step three says to Let the Word of Christ dwell in your hearts richly (also read John 1:14). Why is this so important and what do we need to do to have the Word of God "living" in us?

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