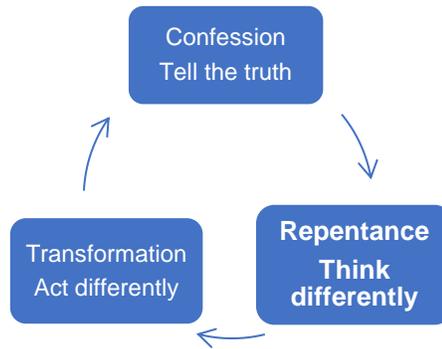


5 Essentials of Wholeness: Transformation

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“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.” Rom. 12:2



- Transform – complete change in form, appearance, or character.

1. A transformed life produces “fruit.”

- “Fruit” is what the Bible calls transformed behavior resulting from repentance.

“Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.” Mt. 3:8

“By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?” Mt. 7:16

2. What kind of “fruit” should I look for to know if I’m being transformed?

- Good fruit comes from the Spirit of God while bad fruit comes from our old sinful nature.

“Live by the Spirit and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature...But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.” Gal. 5:16-18

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” Gal. 5:22-23

3. The “fruit” of the Spirit is true and lasting. The “fruit” of the sinful nature is false and passes away.
2 Corinthians 3:7-18

- “Law” requires you do certain things to please God. The Spirit understands God is love, therefore you do certain things.
- Moses wore a veil to keep people from seeing his fading glory. The glory of works doesn’t last.
- People of the Spirit are unveiled as they are transformed into His likeness. The glory of the Spirit endures.

Thoughts to dwell upon as we pray.

1. Be honest with God confessing any behavior that is of the sinful nature.
2. Receive God’s loving grace and feel His approval of you.
3. Ask God to give you new thoughts that will transform your behavior.