

DAY 16

We really are changing from the inside out---together!

Do you realize that your life is changing for the better, just as the Bible said it would? We are being TRANSFORMED by the renewing of our minds—and we are coming into the perfect will of God.

Yesterday we continued our **fast from wrong thinking** by eliminating the thought of: “I guess this is all there is. I’ll just have to settle.”

Today I want to build upon that. Many times our mind (and the devil) tells us that if things don’t go our way, that must be God’s will. **“God must not want me to have this.” Or “Whatever happens must be God’s will”.**

Please note, I realize many of us reading this know *theologically* that God’s will is for good. But in our lives, when we face resistance or it seems like God is not responding, we’re tempted to give up and let whatever happens happen.

Not anymore!

Let's replace this wrong thinking with right thinking:

(Read) Mark 10:46-52. Blind Bartimaeus heard about Jesus, and began to cry out “Jesus, have mercy on me”. MANY PEOPLE TOLD HIM TO BE QUIET, but he cried out even more.

1. You must stop listening to the many voices trying to keep you the

way you are. There are voices in your head saying, “keep quiet”. There are voices from others saying, “Stay the way you are”. There are voices saying, “God must not want you to have this”.

2. NO. NO. NO. NO. NO. Say “no” to those voices and keep going after what God has promised in His Word.

3. In verse 48, when people tried to shut Bartimaeus up, he cried out EVEN MORE. When you face resistance, add persistence!

Press
through!

4. When Jesus heard Bartimeaus crying out, HE STOOD STILL.
(Now I'm preaching here!) **If you don't give up, you will get Jesus' attention!**

5. **BELIEVE God wants to fulfill your desires, not just your needs.** In verse 51, Jesus said, "What do you **WANT** Me to do for you?" (Bartimaeus didn't **NEED** to see. He could still live without sight. But Jesus asked him what he **WANTED**.) God doesn't just meet our needs. **He fulfills our desire. (Provided that our desires are founded in scriptural promises.)**

6. **Make up your mind that you will not be denied.** The woman with the issue of blood would not be denied. The mother of the demon-possessed daughter would not be denied. Bartimaeus would not be denied. You and I will not be denied.

7. **WE MUST RECOGNIZE** that our acceptance and tolerance of our present condition is the result of our acceptance of this wrong thinking.

THINK IT & SAY IT:

I decide today that I will stop listening to the voices in my head and around me that are telling me to stay the way I am.

I will not be quiet when asking God to fulfill His promises. My prayers will not be silenced by doubt, fear or opposition.

At times when I may feel God is not answering, I will stick to His Word, which says, "Call unto Me and I will answer." God says "Yes" to what He has already promised, therefore I will stand on His promises in all areas of my life. And I will not be denied. I will

not tolerate a life of mediocrity or status quo.

I believe that God wants to give me the desires of my heart, and not just my needs. When I face resistance I will add persistence.

I will not give up or give in to my present condition. I will press through the opposition and not be denied. I will not tolerate a present condition of discouragement, sickness, poverty or mediocrity—NOT ANOTHER DAY OF MY LIFE.

Psalm 37:4 says, “He will give me the desires of my heart”. I will keep thinking this, believing this, and expecting this until something changes for my good, in Jesus’ Name!

With great expectation,

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